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## 51. E-QUALITY

**Address:** Laan Copes van Cattenburgh 71
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The Netherlands

**Category requested:** Roster

**Date established:** 1988

**Membership:** The organization is a national organization.

**Summary of financial statement for 2000** (Netherlands guilders)

| | |
|---|---|
| **Income** | |
| Membership dues | |
| Contributions from Governments | 4 600 000 |
| Contributions from intergovernmental organizations | 47 351 |
| Contributions from other non-governmental organizations | 60 000 |
| Revenue from contracts etc. | 18 900 |
| Other income | |
| Total | 4 726 251 |
| **Expenditure** | |
| Administration | 1 610 000 |
| Projects | 1 920 251 |
| Other activities | 1 196 000 |
| Total | 4 726 251 |

**Aims and activities and participation in the work of the Council**

E-Quality is an expert centre working on the intersection of gender and ethnicity. It advises and supports (migrant and refugee) women's grass-roots organizations and cooperates with NGOs in order to achieve a just society in which there is equality between women and men of all cultural/ethnic backgrounds. With the Beijing Platform for Action as point of departure, E-Quality monitors the Dutch Government's policies concerning the advancement of women, focusing on the elimination of intersectional discrimination.

E-Quality considers it to be its task to influence national and international policies (Dutch governmental bodies and parliament/United Nations and European Union context) to contribute to the achievement of equality in

society and to promote gender mainstreaming in all areas of policy. E-Qualit assists women's organizations in establishing international links, and disseminates information on developments at the international and national levels.

Means employed by the organization include regular and specific publications, the operation of a large database, advisory and logistic support of women's groups and organizations, and the organization of conferences, seminars and expert meetings.

E-Quality has the legal status of a foundation; as such, it has no members in the legal sense. It is governed by an independent board, consisting of a majority of women with different ethnic backgrounds, representative of Dutch society. Board members are chosen on the basis of their management skills and expertise in the field. They are functioning in their personal capacities. The organization is financed by the Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment. Furthermore, E-Quality receives grants, earmarked for specific projects, from intergovernmental bodies (European Commission), NGOs and other non-governmental bodies.

E-Quality aims to increase the proportion of financial resources from non-governmental bodies (sponsoring of projects; revenue from contracts).

The Ministry assesses (afterwards and marginally) whether its finances were spent according to the purposes of the organization. The Government has no influence on the substance of the work of E-Quality, neither on the content of its projects nor on the recruitment of its staff.

E-Quality intends to continue following the work of the United Nations bodies that are explicitly concerned with the improvement of the status of women. It will contribute its expertise on the intersection of gender and ethnicity and provide substantial and logistic support to (migrant and refugee) women's organizations and NGOs on behalf of international lobby activities in order to realize the goals of the United Nations regarding the advancement of women. This means in particular:

(a) Continuation of regular attendance of sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women, including pre- and post-session briefings of Dutch NGOs; attendance of ECE when the advancement of women is on its agenda;

(b) Continuation of the coordination of an contribution to NGO shadow reports for CEDAW and the attendance of CEDAW sessions when the Netherlands is on the agenda, including presentation of the shadow report;

(c) Continuation of joint activities with Dutch NGOs regarding the post-Beijing process and regarding the preparations and follow-up concerning WCAR 2001.

## 2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT INTERNATIONAL BURRAU

Address: 35 Great Smith Street
London SW1P 3BJ
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Category requested: General

Date established: 18 August 1988

Membership: a national organization with 0 individual members, and 410 organizational members.

Summary of financial statement for year ending 31 March 1997

(Pounds sterling (£))

| | £ |
|---|---|
| Income:* | 1 465 490 |
| Membership dues | 0 |
| Contributions from Governments | 1 300 000 |
| Contributions from intergovernmental organizations | 0 |
| Contributions from other non-governmental organizations | 0 |
| Revenue from contracts and so on | |
| Other income | 165 490 |
| Total income | 1 465 490 |
| Expenditure | 1 418 663 |
| Administration | 1 418 663 |
| Projects** | |
| Other activities | |
| Total expenditure | 1 418 663 |

* Income represents contributions receivable from local authorities and European institutions as well as proceeds receivable from seminars, conferences, project work and the sale of publications, exclusive of value-added tax (VAT).

** Budget not divided into these categories as the Bureau is not a "project" organization. The services provided to members are mainly through seminars, conferences, publications, briefing papers and the facilitation of development and technical cooperation not defined as "projects".

Activities

The Local Government International Bureau, which is the international outreach arm of the Local Government Association of England, the Welsh Local Government Association, the Association of Local Authorities of Northern Ireland and the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities, seeks accreditation to the Economic and Social Council as the national affiliate body of the International Union of Local Authorities (IULA). IULA is based in The Hague, Netherlands, and has regional branches in all United Nations regions. IULA is in consultative status with the Council. The Bureau seeks accreditation under the procedure set out in Council resolution 1996/31.

Bureau personnel have been active within the United Nations system for a number of years, not only through IULA's consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, but within the context of the United Kingdom local authority contribution and response to United Nations activities. The Bureau has provided the interface between the United Nations process and the national/local implementation of the outcomes of the Earth Summit (1992). In cooperation with IULA, and with the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives, the Bureau has promoted Local Agenda 21, the mechanism for the implementation of Agenda 21 at local level, among its members. It also promotes the Habitat Agenda in tandem with Local Agenda 21. Bureau personnel have also participated in the World Summit for Social Development, the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II), the Commission on Human Settlements and the sessions of the Commission on Sustainable Development.

A Committee of senior elected members formed to guide and inform the United Nations-related activities of the United Kingdom local authority associations and their member authorities, has recently been confirmed and strengthened, despite budget constraints in other areas. This demonstrates the Bureau's commitment to the cause of the United Nations, and especially its activities relevant to the local authority sector.

The Bureau has also been active within the "partnership" strategy practised by the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), in seeking to build interfaces between levels of government, social groups and sectoral interests and activities. For example, a strong delegation was sent to the recent International Conference on Governance for Sustainable Growth and Equity organized by UNDP.

## 3. INTERNATIONAL PROSTITUTES COLLECTIVE

**Address**: P.O. Box 14512
San Francisco, California 94114, United States of America
Tel: 1 415 626 4114
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**Category requested**: General

**Date established**: 1975

**Membership**: International organization, with 2,830 individual members in 26 countries.

**Summary of financial statement for the year 1996-1997**:

| | $ |
|---|---|
| **Income** | |
| Membership dues | 2 880 |
| Contributions from Governments | |
| Contributions from intergovernmental organizations | |
| Contributions from non-governmental organizations | |
| Revenue from contracts | |
| Other income | |
| Grants/donations/media/speaking | 11 256 |
| Sales/events/interest | 2 909 |
| Total income | 17 045 |
| **Expenditure** | |
| Administration | 6 755 |
| Projects: research project | 3 069 |
| Other activities: | |
| Reports/services | 1 280 |
| International networking/conferences | 5 584 |
| Total expenditure | 16 688 |

**Aims and activities; participation in the work of the Economic and Social Council**

### Aims

Aims are to:

(a) Highlight the effects and end the criminalization of prostitute women, children and men;

(b) Ensure that sex workers have protection against rape and other violence;

(c) Highlight the fact that prostitute women are women like other women, and ensure that sex workers everywhere have a voice and that their needs and demands are met;

(d) Press for sex workers to be recognized as workers with human, legal and civil rights;

(e) Oppose the racism, sexism and other discrimination based on legal and economic status, disability, sexual preference and so on faced by sex workers, including immigrant and migrant women;

(f) Make visible the economic contribution of sex workers, most of whom are mothers, to the survival and welfare of families and communities;

(g) Make policy makers aware of how the feminization of poverty, including structural adjustment programmes and economic restructuring, increases the numbers of women and children worldwide forced into prostitution;

(h) Press for viable economic alternatives so that no one is forced into prostitution by poverty;

(i) Gather and convey changes in public opinion that support the safety and rights of sex workers and their families;

(j) Work with individual Governments, United Nations agencies, the non-governmental organization community and the private sector to see that our aims become reality.

## Activities

Towards these ends our activities include:

(a) Providing support, advice and information to prostitute women on the laws and their enforcement, safety, child custody, immigration, health, housing, welfare and other benefits;

(b) Running public education campaigns to raise awareness of sex workers' experiences and concerns;

(c) Gathering information and maintaining files on the prostitution laws and their impact on the lives of individuals and communities;

(d) Speaking to community groups, professional organizations, editorial boards, national and international conferences, schools, universities; and holding public meetings and media interviews;

(e) Lobbying local and national Governments;

(f) Publishing and contributing to articles, newsletters, books;

(g) Ensuring grass-roots participation and representation in relevant United Nations conferences and briefings; meeting representatives of United Nations agencies and government delegates; mailing and e-mailing information on United Nations activity and developments affecting sex workers.

## Participation

We intend to participate in the work of the Economic and Social Council by attending the meetings of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women in 1998 and beyond, and the United Nations Commission for Social Development; being part of the non-governmental organization community including the NGO Committee on the Status of Women; conveying to our constituents and the general public progress and developments on our issues; and relaying the concerns of our constituents to the United Nations.

## 4. HUMAN RIGHTS INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE

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Web site: http://www.hria.net
E-mail: HumanRights@HRIA.net

Category requested: Special

Date founded: 9 September 1994

Membership: Human Rights International Alliance (HRIA) is an international organization with 2,829 individual members and 31 member organizations.

Financial statement for 1997 (pounds sterling)

Income

| | |
|---|---|
| Membership dues | 2 000 |
| Contributions from Governments | - |
| Contributions from intergovernmental organizations | - |
| Contributions from other non-governmental organizations | - |
| Revenue from contracts etc. | - |
| Other income | 8 731 |
| Total | 10 731 |

Expenditure

| | |
|---|---|
| Administration | 1 704 |
| Projects (Research Missions) | 4 000 |
| Other activities | 5 000 |
| Total | 10 704 |

Aims and activities

The aims of the organization are to identify areas for the betterment of the community both in terms of civil and political rights and economic, social and cultural rights, as per the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and relative covenants, with special emphasis on non-violence and protection of individuals' lives. The aims are to work in partnership with other national and regional human service organizations and human rights groups, bring common objectives and issues to public awareness, to promote multicultural awareness, relieve poverty, improve health conditions, promote education, improve economic and social conditions and save lives.

The organization, through direct services or referrals:

- Maintains a close association of member organizations and individuals, working for the common objective of promoting peace and human rights through research, analysis, education and rehabilitation;

- Is in the process of creating an international databank of human rights organizations and activists;

- Is in the process of creating a human rights hotline in order to monitor and ensure swift intervention in cases of arbitrary, insecure detentions;

- Promotes the basic human rights as per the United Nations Charter and relative international covenants. Brings awareness and educates the public through conferences, symposia and hearings on diverse human rights and thematic issues, such as role, responsibilities and cooperation of human rights actors, global ethnocide, women's rights, children's rights against exploitation and slavery, social and economic injustice, conflict prevention, human rights education etc.;

- Helps individual human rights activists, social workers and organizations by making them available for press interviews, public speaking engagements and corporate seminars;

- Appeals and campaigns for the release of prisoners of conscience, provides legal aid and relief for victims of political violence and torture;

- Promotes, encourages and undertakes research and disseminates the results of such activities. Produces, prints and publishes anything in written, oral or visual media in furtherance of the objectives;

- Provides the provision of counselling and guidance in furtherance of its objectives;

- Participates and contributes to international forums related to the objectives of the organization, including those organized by the Centre for Human Rights.

Human Rights International Alliance is an international organization whose mandate essentially covers the clauses included in United Nations human rights and related conventions.

Human Rights International Alliance was founded on the principle that the concept of non-governmental organizations active in all walks of life is spreading in the North as in the South. It seriously took into consideration the difficulties and necessities for regional organizations to be encouraged and make their goals, activities and achievements known. HRIA also realized the difficulties faced by international institutions, mainly the United Nations, to integrate all non-governmental bodies in its structure, and therefore chose to be a cross-cultural channel of knowledge and understanding with regard to human

rights and development issues. In this respect, HRIA activities correspond fully to the wishes expressed for the last few years by United Nations bodies for non-governmental organizations to get together and have common areas of understanding with consensus forms of expression within the United Nations system.

The activities of the organization are directed primarily towards promulgating better understanding and implementation of articles contained in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and of the recommendations and resolutions of the General Assembly, the Commission on Human Rights and the Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities. They also focus on active participation in such forums and United Nations organized working groups, assistance to special rapporteurs and consultancy with independent experts, the improvement of international provisions and legal instruments in the interests of individuals, peoples and nations seeking territorial peace, social and economic development, and respect for integrity and dignity.

One of the major tasks for the organization is the setting up of a human rights hotline. The purpose of the hotline is to provide individuals, in all regions of the world, with immediate assistance in case of arbitrary arrests and/or insecure detention. The hotline being a recipient of such cases, it shall then appeal to the concerned authorities by activating the HRIA network of United Nations appropriate departments and officers, non-governmental organizations, Parliamentarians and individuals.

## 5. KASHMIRI AMERICAN COUNCIL

**Address**: 733-15th Street, NW, Suite 1100
Washington, D.C. 20005
United States of America

**Category requested**: special

**Date established**: 5 April 1990

**Membership**: The organization is a national organization, with 32,094 individual members.

**Summary of financial statement for 1997** (United States dollars)

| | |
|---|---|
| **Income** | |
| Membership dues | 25 600 |
| Contributions from other non-governmental organizations | 176 800 |
| Other income | 285 286 |
| Total | 488 210 |
| **Expenditure** | |
| Administration | 92 989 |
| Projects | 284 892 |
| Other activities | 133 049 |
| Total | 510 930 |

The chief aim of the Kashmiri American Council (KAC) is international education and promotion of principles of human rights and human dignity, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, self-determination and fundamental freedoms for all, irrespective of their racial, religious, linguistic or sexual preferences. Its special concern is the realization of international human rights norms. Its programme includes public education (speaking at symposia and conferences, publishing newsletters, fact sheets, newspaper columns, letters to the editor, monographs, essays, and other documents) related to the broader scope and the programme of the Economic and Social Council. Its programme also includes attending international human rights conferences to strengthen international human rights conventions and mechanisms, such as a permanent international criminal court or ad hoc arrangements like those established for the former Yugoslavia and Rwanda.

The KAC's educational mission also seeks to inform the public about the honourable causes of all oppressed peoples' internationally recognized right of self-determination, the horrifying conflicts that generally erupt when basic human rights are suppressed, and the imperative of working through peaceful means with all legitimate popular voices (and renouncing terrorism or violence) to resolve disputes.

KAC intends to participate in the work of the Economic and Social Council by attending conferences and submitting papers that support international human rights conventions and adherence to human rights norms generally. KAC specifically is eager to explore an array of potential international sanctions and additional institutional arrangements that would better deter and punish human rights violations which tragically seem to have become commonplace among the family of nations. The several lofty economic, social and cultural objectives of the Economic and Social Council can never reach fruition when fratricide, conflict and human rights brutalities are afoot. That understanding places the peace-minded activities of KAC at the centre of the Council's raison d'être.

## 6. AFRICA FOR CHRIST INTERNATIONAL

**Address:** P.O. Box 16099
Kampala
Uganda
Fax: 256-41-345580

**Category requested:** general

**Date established:** 1988

**Membership:** The organization is an international organization with 505 individual members and 23 organization members in five countries.

**Summary of financial statement for 1998** (United States dollars)

**Income**

| | |
|---|---|
| Contributions from other non-governmental organizations | 35 000 |
| Other income | 13 110 |
| Total | 48 100 |

**Expenditure**

| | |
|---|---|
| Administration | 22 100 |
| Projects | 16 400 |
| Other activities | 818 |
| Total | 39 318 |

**Aims and activities**

The aims of AFCI are:

(a) To promote socio-economic-based development, agriculture, housing and functional literacy;

(b) To provide means for poverty alleviation by providing credit and supportive services to the poor to start income-generating activities;

(c) To promote gender balance;

(d) To train youth in income-generating activities such as trade;

(e) To provide volunteer work in the community;

(f) To network and collaborate with organizations which have similar goals and objectives;

(g) To train men/women for the promotion of the Christian faith under our school of World Mission.

Its activities are:

(a) Providing credit facilities to the poor;

(b) Preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ;

(c) Training the target group in functional literacy and adult education;

(d) Extending agricultural assistance in the form of seeds for food security;

(e) Conducting and organizing workshops/seminars concerning awareness of sexually transmitted diseases and AIDS.

Participation in the work of the Economic and Social Council

AFCI intends to participate in the work of the Economic and Social Council in two ways: attendance at meetings, especially in areas where the organization has competence and authority, and by preparing papers in areas where the organization has competence - for instance, microfinance and credit administration.

## 7. AFRICAN COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER

**Address**: 532 South Vermont Avenue, Suite #104
Los Angeles, California 90020
United States of America

**Category requested**: General

**Date established**: 1984 (Renewed, 1994)

**Membership**: The organization is an international organization, with approximately 50 individual members and 8 organization members (branches) in 20 countries.

**Summary of financial statement for year ended 30 June 1997** (United States dollars)

| | |
|---|---|
| **Income** | |
| Other income (grants, contributions) | 189 447 |
| Total | 189 447 |
| **Expenditure** | |
| Administration and projects | 172 083 |
| Other activities | - |
| Total | 172 083 |

**Aims and activities**

The African Community Resource Center (ACRC) is a non-governmental organization committed to the humanitarian vision of improving the quality of life in developing countries by providing equal access to resources, information and health interventions. ACRC takes responsibility for advocating on behalf of those whose human rights have been violated - i.e., women and children in refugee camps, those who have been abused by their own Governments, and those in need of hospitals, clinics and universities. Our goal is to offer help where there is none, to give hope when all is lost, provide food and medical care where they are not available to those who need it most and to offer a pathway through injustice wherever we find it. Our mission is to work towards peace and development with compassion and humanity.

We carry out our goals through a variety of programmes around the world, including clinic building, supplying and maintenance; building universities, medical schools and research facilities; shipping medical equipment, food and other vital supplies; sponsoring conferences and conducting research on conflict resolution, reproductive health, leadership training, human rights and other issues pertaining to peace and development; and recruiting and using volunteer

professionals in the fields of medicine, science and technology, education, social work etc. to provide social services, research and advocacy of human rights issues around the world. ACRC has created, supplied and maintained free clinics for women and children in Africa, and has a history of providing medical care, medical equipment, food, prenatal care and nutritional training in Ethiopia, Zaire, Burundi, the United Republic of Tanzania, Chad, Eritrea and Sierra Leone. ACRC conducts conferences and forums with foreign dignitaries from developing countries on issues related to their respective populations. For example, ACRC sponsored the First African Women's Network Conference (Los Angeles, 1996) with African women participants from the Fourth World Conference on Women.

Participation in the work of the Economic and Social Council

Granting of consultative status under the Economic and Social Council would allow us to vote and participate in all United Nations activities and to receive direct accreditation for conferences, summits and other events in which we want to be active participants. ACRC has participated in sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women and a workshop panel at the Fourth World Conference on Women. Consultative status would strengthen our ability to work even more closely with the United Nations and would, as a result, allow us to expedite the humanitarian aid we provide to developing countries. In addition, ACRC would have a stronger voice with which to advocate for refugee populations, women's issues and peace worldwide.

## 8. RELIEF INTERNATIONAL

**Address:** 2288 Westwood Boulevard
Suite 216
Los Angeles, CA 90064
United States of America
Tel: (310) 572-7770
Fax: (310) 572-7790

**Category requested:** General

**Date established:** 1990

**Membership:** The organization is an international organization, with no individual or organization members.

**Summary of financial statement for 1998**

**Income**

| | |
|---|---|
| Membership dues | - |
| Contributions from Governments | - |
| Contributions from intergovernmental organizations | - |
| Contributions from other non-governmental organizations | - |
| Revenue from contracts etc. | - |
| Other income | 3 900 003 |
| Total | 3 900 003 |

**Expenditure**

| | |
|---|---|
| Administration | 35 065 |
| Projects | 3 709 239 |
| Other activities | |
| Total | 3 744 304 |

**Aims and activities and intended participation in the work of the Council**

Relief International (RI) is a humanitarian non-profit agency that provides emergency relief, rehabilitation and development assistance to vulnerable communities worldwide. RI's mission is to:

(a) Serve the needs of the most vulnerable, particularly women and children, victims of natural disasters, civil conflicts, and the poor worldwide, with a specific focus on neglected groups and cases;

(b) Promote self-reliance, coexistence and reintegration of vulnerable groups;

(c) Provide holistic, multisectoral, sustainable, and pro-poor programmes that bridge emergency relief and long-term development at the grass-roots level;

(d) Empower communities through capacity-building and by maximizing local resources in programme design and implementation;

(e) Protect lives from physical injury or death and/or psychological trauma, where present;

(f) Uphold the highest professional norms in programme delivery, including accountability to donors and beneficiaries alike.

Founded in 1990, RI's energies initially focused on providing relief materials in such areas as the Islamic Republic of Iran, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Azerbaijan. Since 1993, RI has directly provided emergency, rehabilitation and development project services targeting affected populations in Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Chechnya, Tajikistan and Viet Nam. In 1998, RI is expanding its services to Burundi and Rwanda. Activities have assisted vulnerable communities in the health, shelter, reconstruction, relief, education, community development, agriculture and income-generation sectors.

RI is registered as a tax-deductible charity with the United States Government. RI serves as an implementing partner of the United Nations, is registered as a private voluntary organization with the United States Agency for International Development, and is a member of the American Council for Voluntary International Action. To date, RI maintains field offices in Azerbaijan, Burundi, Tajikistan, and Viet Nam.

In the light of the above, RI would offer a valuable community-based perspective to the Economic and Social Council through attendance at meetings, as well as potential written and oral statements, where appropriate. RI carries out its programmes in concert with beneficiaries and local counterparts alike, and has established partnerships with a number of national-based non-governmental organizations in Azerbaijan, Tajikistan and Viet Nam. As a provider of direct services, RI holds expertise in a variety of sectors in both the relief and development fields, as noted above. As an implementing partner with various United Nations agencies, such as UNHCR, UNICEF, UNDP and FAO, RI is sensitive to the mission of the United Nations and its programmes.

## 9. VISHVA HINDU PARISHAD

**Address**: Sankat Mochan Ashram
Rama Krishna Puram - VI
New Delhi - 110 022
Bharat
India

**Category requested**: General

**Date established**: 13 October 1966

**Membership**: The organization is an international organization, with 1.19 million individual members, and 48 organizational members in 19 countries.

**Summary of financial statement for 1996-1997** (United States dollars)

**Income**

| | |
|---|---|
| Membership dues | - |
| Contributions from Governments | - |
| Contributions from intergovernmental organizations | - |
| Contributions from other non-governmental organizations | - |
| Revenue from contracts etc. | - |
| Other income | 357 806 |
| Total | 357 806 |

**Expenditure**

| | |
|---|---|
| Administration | 50 394 |
| Projects | 97 479 |
| Other activities | 42 278 |
| Total | 190 151 |

**Aims and activities and intended participation in the work of the Council**

Vishva Hindu Parishad is represented universally by its 1.19 million members, who are guided in these service programmes by the four well-known concepts that reflect the realization of the ancient Hindu seers of India:

(a) "Truth is one. The wise pursue it variously". This understanding is the greatest contributing factor which has guided Hindus for thousands of years in tolerating and even respecting others' points of view. Emphasis is on the term "also" and not on "the only way". This emphasizes freedom of following a chosen religion and pursuing individual approach to life and having freedom of speech;

(b) "The whole of humanity is just one family of God". This concept emphasizes the acceptance of every human being as a member of an extended family under universal fraternity. This results in accepting members of all faiths;

(c) "Let all be happy, healthy and blessed". The term "all" includes all humanity, animal and plant kingdoms, and emphasizes the reconciliation of development with environmental/ecological balance;

(d) "Service to others is virtue and exploiting others is a sin". This has helped in developing a view of compassion towards the needy.

Vishva Hindu Parishad is engaged in work for the total welfare of humanity. While it has taken on its shoulders the responsibility of representing and promoting the welfare-related activities of Hindus, which form one fifth of the world's population, it promotes without discrimination the activities of moral and ethical education, medical aid for needy masses, relief to the very poor, advancement of general public utility, and the pursuit of socio-religious, scientific and general research. These noble aims are given shape through the untiring efforts and dedication of highly motivated social workers that operate from the central unit located at New Delhi, its 30 affiliated units spread all over India and 18 affiliated units registered in other countries.

Apart from organizing seminars and conferences at the national and international levels, Vishva Hindu Parishad runs various centres throughout India and abroad involving formal education, non-formal education, establishing single teacher schools, adult education in remote areas, publications for general literacy and awareness, library and reading room services for the very poor, hostels for the needy, and classes in ancient Hindu heritage, language and teachings.

In the field of medical and health services, Vishva Hindu Parishad runs many health centres, hospitals, yoga centres, leprosy treatment centres and research projects in the application of the ancient Indian medical system.

Because the aims and activities of service programmes are aligned with the work the Council is doing, it will be easy for VHP project people to provide extensive data and input on similar projects supported by the United Nations system organizations at other places in the world.

The participation in the work of the Council would be focused on the following areas:

(a) Child care: children who are destitute, orphans, abandoned or abused;

(b) Health and hygiene in remote locations: for people who are located in tribal belts and remote villages;

(c) Community development: for those who feel isolated, to make them feel a part of the community/family;

(d) Economic self-reliance (particularly women): for those who need to learn new skills for self-reliance;

(e) Environmental concern: for all, in particular tribal people who live near the jungle;

(f) Literacy programme: for villages and remote areas, where no schools exist.

10. LE FOYER MUSULMAN, ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONALE POUR LES DROITS DE L'HOMME

Address: 150, Route de Ferney
CH-1218 Grand-Saconnex
C.P. 2100 1211 GENEVA 2

Category requested: special

Date established: 5 August 1997

Membership: The association is an international organization, with 42 individual members from 23 countries.

Summary of financial statement for 1998

Income

| | (United States dollars) |
|---|---|
| Membership dues | 10 500 |
| Contributions of members | 35 000 |
| Total | 45 500 |

Expenditure

| | |
|---|---|
| Administration | 43 292 |
| Projects | 2 208 |
| Total | 45 500 |

Aims and activities, and participation in the work of the Economic and Social Council

- To show and convince Muslim and non-Muslim peoples how Islam not only does not order or recommend violence but can be a very good basis for understanding and applying human rights principles all over the world, provided that people understand its philosophy. In this context, it invites and recommends respect for humankind, without discrimination of race, faith, culture, sex or political convictions.

- To educate populations on the importance of human rights, the principles of the Charter of the United Nations, peace and democracy, and to explain, by speeches, meetings, conferences, bulletins and publications, articles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights so that these would become sacred matters. For this purpose, branches will be inaugurated in many countries, mainly in the Middle East, Africa and the former USSR. The main aim is to eliminate violence, change the deformed face of religions, mainly Islam (which ethnic and political interpretation has deformed for generations), and to recommend and teach tolerance.

- To actively participate in international conferences on human rights.

- To minutely study questions and problems pertaining to trouble spots which may threaten peace in the world, and when necessary, to travel to such countries and areas and prepare reports and surveys accompanied with recommendations. Furthermore, to respond to all requests made by the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights or any other body related to the Council concerning any question, research, study or meeting, and to collaborate and make suitable statements, if necessary. Also, our organization will endeavour to mobilize public opinion for the necessity of neutral courts, which are dedicated only to the examination and judgement of the violation of human rights, and to ensure that these courts shall be empowered with authority to execute their decisions, as far as possible respecting the country's sovereignty. It appears that many judicial organs are not really independent of political leadership and are sometimes prevented from making neutral, independent evaluation and judgement. As part of our activities, we intend to collaborate with United Nations special rapporteurs on minorities and religious intolerance and other relevant committees or rapporteurs that deal with human rights questions.

## 11. AMITIÉ SANS FRONTIÈRES INTERNATIONALE

Address: Hôtel Hermitage
Sq. Beaumarchais
MC 98000
Monaco

Category requested: Roster

Date established: 1996

Membership: the organization is an international organization, with 530 individual members and eight organization members in eight countries.

Summary of financial statement for 1 October 1996 to 30 September 1999 (French francs):

Income

| | |
|---|---|
| Membership dues | 58 557 |
| Contributions from Governments | - |
| Contributions from intergovernmental organizations | - |
| Contributions from other non-governmental organizations | - |
| Revenue from contracts etc. | - |
| Other income | 17 127 |
| Total income | 75 684 |

Expenditure

| | |
|---|---|
| Administration* | - |
| Projects* | |
| Other activities* | |
| Total expenditure | - |

Aims and activities and participation in the work of the Council

Amitié sans frontières internationale is a service club that is open to all. It is, and has always been, founded on the principle of mixed membership (both men and women).

Its bases are justice, tolerance and friendship.

* Undertaken individually by every member of the Board of Directors or by the Monaco Club.

Its emblem is the sunflower, symbolizing the sun, which shines for everyone, regardless of his or her social caste, race, sex, nationality or creed.

Its main objective is humanitarian action on issues identified by the United Nations General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council.

Permission to establish an Amitié sans frontières club is granted strictly subject to the condition that the proposed new club must be located in a part of the world where human rights are respected.

The Amitié sans frontières service clubs that have been established to date in various parts of the world have, in the majority of cases, Presidents who are young adults between 30 and 40 years old and are strongly motivated by the Amitié sans frontières ethic. At the same time, those clubs include many older members, working in harmony with their younger colleagues to serve the human community more effectively.

Amitié sans frontières clubs have been active in a broad range of fields. Their accomplishments to date have included:

Contribution to the establishment of a shelter for street children in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil;

Participation in the fight against AIDS by providing financial support for specialists working in the field of medical research;

Organization of a cancer prevention campaign;

Support for the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in the context of Operation ReUNite, which is aimed at locating Yugoslav refugee children dispersed in various host countries and reuniting them with their parents;

Support for an ecological campaign aimed at the reforestation of a mountain that had been devastated by a forest fire;

Provision of equipment for an analysis laboratory in Benin;

Support for a Mediterranean Sea protection project;

Support for the Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees through the launching of Operation Rebuild, which is aimed at providing assistance for the victims of conflict in the Balkans.

In the future, Amitié sans frontières intends to focus on action on behalf of educationally underprivileged children, children who are forced to do work that is not compatible with their age, women who are denied their essential rights, and, in general, all victims of injustice and intolerance. Every one of our projects, however modest, is or will be a step towards peace.

## 12. INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION ON DISTANCE EDUCATION

**Address**: Bahnhofstrasse 58
8001 Zurich
Switzerland

**Category requested**: Special

**Date established**: May 1997 (Switzerland); 15 December 1997 (Spain)

**Membership**: The organization is an international organization with 554 individual members and 13 organizational members in 9 countries.

**Summary of financial statement for 1999** (United States dollars)

**Income**

| | |
|---|---|
| Membership dues | 113 982 |
| Other NGOs | 6 500 |
| Other sources (collaboration courses) | |
| *Extras | 117 595 |
| Total | 238 077 |

**Expenditure**

| | |
|---|---|
| Administration | 65 539 |
| Projects (scholarships) | 113 976 |
| Other activities (extraordinary) | 829 |
| Total | 180 344 |

**Aims and activities, and anticipated participation in the work of the Council**

The activities of the International Commission on Distance Education (CODE) are aimed at the development of distance-taught education programmes throughout the world as a precondition to the improvement of economic, social and personal conditions of all individuals. This development is based on the improvement of academic conditions, the study of new technologies, and ongoing support for students around the world, to enable them to take advantage of a system of education which is at once cheaper, simpler, more accessible, and more humane.

To achieve these objectives, the organization promotes a wide variety of activities: conferences, training courses at all levels, book and magazine publishing, use of the Internet etc. In collaboration with universities, CODE offers courses on conflict-solving, peace, international trade, and international relations. CODE also promotes the Albert Schweitzer International University, a humanistic project dedicated to peace studies, disarmament, and the improvement of health care in third world countries, and programmes to improve environmental conditions and working conditions in third world countries.

The development of the Internet and its associated technologies is one of the foundations of the activities of CODE. To that end, CODE will adapt itself to the new digital technologies so as to improve communication between its associate members throughout the world. CODE will seek early membership in ITU so as to be able to participate in the development of telecommunications as applied to teaching techniques.

If granted consultative status, CODE would create subsections analogous to those of the Council so as to better inform the Council of the concerns and proposals of its members and organizations. Equally, those subsections would respond to requests from the Council for reports for the organizations of the United Nations, thus fulfilling the commitment of our organization as a consultative body. CODE would participate in the General Assembly and in the preparatory commissions. It would continue to take part in United Nations conferences and in the General Assembly of UNESCO.

## 13. WALES ASSEMBLY OF WOMEN

**Address:** c/o 2 Little Orchard
2 Little Orchard
Dinas Powys
Vale of Glamorgan
CF 64 4NH
UK

**Category requested:** General

**Date established:** 1985

**Membership:** The organization is a national organization, with 380 individual members and 17 organization members.

**Summary of financial statement for 1997/98** (Pounds sterling)

**Income**

| | |
|---|---|
| Membership dues | 1 369.00 |
| Contributions from Governments | 7 960.00 |
| Other | 2 142.09 |
| Total | 11 471.09 |

**Expenditure**

| | |
|---|---|
| Administration | 8 616.15 |
| Projects | 1 537.15 |
| Other activities | 15.00 |
| Total | 10 168.30 |

**Aims and activities of your organization and anticipated participation in the work of the Council**

As well as preparing for the assessment of the Beijing Conference in 2000, we are planning a major event on women in poverty in Wales, in autumn 1999.

We held a conference in preparation for the Beijing Conference with a large attendance of women from all over Wales. Subsequently we made a full report on the Global Platform for Action and took a leading role in formulating the United Kingdom National Agenda for Action, especially in its reference to Wales. Decision-making has been a major issue for us, with plans for devolved government and the setting up of a national assembly in Wales. We organized a preparatory conference in October 1996, "Power Matters", followed by a major petition and large advertisement in our national press to lobby for support of gender balance in the proposed national assembly. We are pleased to have achieved some success ultimately with 23 women out of 60 members, some of whom have also been active members of the Wales Assembly of Women.

We intend to continue to play an active role on contributing to debates, caucus meetings and governmental presentations in the interest of women everywhere, especially where the quality of their lives has been constrained and where the girl-child has been seriously disadvantaged.

## 14. COMMUNITY OF SANT'EGIDIO

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**Category requested:** general

**Date established:** 1968

**Membership:** the organization is an international organization, with 15,082 individual members and 104 organization members in 31 countries.

**Summary of financial statement for 1997** (United States dollars)

**Income**

| | |
|---|---|
| Membership dues | 301 133.25 |
| Government | - |
| Intergovernmental organizations | - |
| Other non-governmental organizations | 2 310 615.80 |
| Contracts | 69 191.48 |
| Other sources | 45 461.76 |
| Total | 2 726 402.03 |

**Expenditure**

| | |
|---|---|
| Administration | 126 368.58 |
| Projects | 1 031 803.15 |
| Other activities | 133 083.54 |
| Total | 1 291 255.27 |

**Aims and activities and participation in the work of the Council**

The Community of Sant'Egidio promotes human values of solidarity, mutual understanding, dialogue, peace and protection of human life, especially for the development of the weakest people. The Community of Sant'Egidio relates to the work of the Economic and Social Council mainly in social, cultural, educational, health-care and human right issues.

The Community of Sant'Egidio is a combination of differentiated entities: a grass-roots organization, a think tank, an advocacy group and an operative group specialized in diplomatic troubleshooting. All the members of the Community are strongly committed to the poor in the social life of the places where the Community is established. This care for the poorest people led the

Community to be constantly concerned about the changing forms of poverty. The various services the Community is running today are a result of this concern and of this effort. As a whole, the Community organizes and runs initiatives in the field of assistance to the most needy parts of society, and important cooperation, development, and assistance projects in various parts of the world. Commitment areas are: children, street children, old people, homeless, acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) patients, gypsies, the handicapped (mental and physical), refugees and immigrants.

Work for peace. There have been hundreds of initiatives for dialogue among cultures and religions in the fields of study, cultural meetings and interchanges with highly authoritative persons. Many of these meetings have been supported by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

The Community of Sant'Egidio was the official mediator in the peace talks between the Government of Mozambique and the guerrilla movement Mozambique National Resistance (RENAMO). The talks were held in Rome at the centre of the Community. At first they were secret and then became public with the participation of observers from other countries and of the United Nations. Other areas of cooperation with United Nations agencies include projects for Iraqi refugees (in cooperation with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)), programmes against malnutrition in Albania (in cooperation with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)), training of Albanian physical therapists (in collaboration with UNICEF), medical aid for Beira Hospital in Mozambique (in cooperation with the Joint United Nations Programme on Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (UNAIDS)).

As described, the areas of United Nations concern - particularly as related to social, cultural, educational, sanitary and human rights questions - in which the Community participated are large in number. The already wide and profitable cooperation could be more enhanced by the Community of Sant'Egidio participation, as an observer, at public meetings of the Council and its subsidiary bodies, as well as meetings of the commissions and other subsidiary organs of the Council.

## 15. INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

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Germany
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**Category requested**: Roster

**Date established**: 4 September 1984

**Membership**: The International Society for Human Rights (ISHR) is an international organization, with approximately 9,000 individual members and 3 organization members in 35 countries at present.

**Financial statement for 1998** (United States dollars)

**Income**

| | |
|---|---|
| Membership dues | 25 000.00 |
| Contributions from Governments | 5 000.00 |
| Contributions from intergovernmental organizations | 92 000.00 |
| Contributions from other non-governmental organizations | - |
| Contracts | - |
| Other (donations in kind and cash) | 1 598 420.32 |
| Total | 1 720 420.32 |

**Expenditure**

| | |
|---|---|
| Administration | 310 000.00 |
| Projects | 800 000.00 |
| Other (publications, annual meetings) | 450 000.00 |
| Total | 1 559 934.45 |

**Aims and activities and participation in the work of the Council**

The International Society for Human Rights (ISHR) is a network of national organizations that bases its work primarily on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights proclaimed by the United Nations on 10 December 1948. Its objective is to promote and achieve universal respect for basic human rights.

ISHR works by giving support to the global non-violent human rights movement and by exposing and condemning human rights violations. ISHR provides basic help to victims of human rights violations including refugees, and victims of political, religious, ethnic or racist persecution, torture and war.

ISHR seeks to promote international understanding and tolerance in all areas of culture and society. It is a non-profit-making organization, independent of all political parties, Governments or religious groups.

ISHR believes that non-violent progress towards the realization of basic human rights and democracy is a key to addressing serious social problems and issues. If a society is free, solutions for social problems are much more likely to be found and implemented.

In the past years, ISHR has coordinated, supervised and/or implemented a number of projects designed to raise awareness on human rights and democracy issues, and to offer humanitarian help in specific areas to some of the less protected population groups. This includes a total of six projects, which have been carried out since 1994 with the financial support of the European Commission. ISHR is also actively involved in a number of humanitarian aid, legal and other assistance programmes in the Central and Eastern European States, newly independent States and Asian and African countries.

ISHR contributes to the work of the Commission on Human Rights by submitting reports about systematic and serious human rights violations. ISHR informs people about the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and all relevant international conventions, and the Commission on Human Rights and its functions. ISHR supplies the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) with information on refugees situation. ISHR is in consultative status with the Department of Public Information of the United Nations Secretariat.

At present, the International Secretariat, in close cooperation with CICC, is running an international campaign on the International Criminal Court together with its National Sections in Austria, the Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Romania, the Russian Federation, Switzerland, Ukraine and Uzbekistan, which consists of photo exhibitions, seminars, leaflets and a forum on the Internet.

Several other projects are planned for 1999-2000, among them the project entitled "Training for Democracy in the Ukrainian Armed Forces", a project on civic education in Uzbekistan, a print shop of public benefit in Romania, a project to monitor the elections in the Russian Federation, a training programme for teachers in the Congo and a technical training school (radio, TV) for young people in Kenya, as well as human rights conferences in Belarus, Uzbekistan and Slovakia.

As ISHR is a network of, at present, 35 National Sections and National Groups worldwide, with a 15-year lasting history, numerous documentation, newsletters, reports, books and other information have been printed in many languages. Publications that appear on a regular basis may be described as follows:

(a) Human Rights Worldwide is published by the International Secretariat, four issues a year and distributed on the international level. The total number printed is between 5,000 and 10,000 copies;

(b) The German Section of ISHR (IGFM) publishes the magazine Menschenrechte, which appears four times a year, is printed in a run of 5,000 copies, and informs members and donors about projects and activities of IGFM; and an additional leaflet Für die Menschenrechte is distributed six times a year, with a print run of up to 80,000 copies;

(c) The French Section of ISHR (SIDH) publishes the bimonthly magazine Droit de Regard, which is also distributed by ISHR, Sections and Groups in French-speaking countries in Africa;

(d) The Australian Section of ISHR publishes the magazine Charter;

(e) The Russian Section of ISHR publishes the monthly newspaper Law and Protection.

Since 1999, the International Secretariat, in cooperation with its Sections also runs an English-language home page on the Internet which can be found under: www.ishr.org.

## 16. JUBILEE CAMPAIGN

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**Category requested**: Special

**Date established**: 1993 (United Kingdom); 30 May 1991 (United States)

**Membership**: The organization is an international organization, with 4 individual members and 6 organization members in 9 countries.

**Summary of financial statement for 1998** (pounds)

| Income | |
|---|---|
| Membership dues | - |
| Contributions from Governments | - |
| Contributions from intergovernmental organizations | - |
| Contributions from other non-governmental organizations | - |
| Revenue from contracts etc. | - |
| Other income (voluntary donations from the public) | 84 354 |
| Total | 84 354 |

| Expenditure | |
|---|---|
| Administration | 34 412 |
| Projects | 49 855 |
| Other activities | - |
| Net operating surplus | 3 087 |
| Total | 84 354 |

Aims and activities and participation in the work of the Council

Generally, Jubilee Campaign purposes to research and investigate reported allegations of the abuse of human rights worldwide and to publish and act upon the results of such research and investigation, inter alia, by providing a forum for the formation and exchange of views on all questions connected with allegations of human rights abuse focusing on abuse of children and religious liberty.

Jubilee Campaign's purposes and activities encompass two areas of competency within the field of human rights. These are: religious freedom and children's rights. Within our areas of competency, Jubilee Campaign seeks to report violations of human rights, implement educational programmes, publish and circulate reliable statistics and data, and distribute reports and resolutions published by the Commission on Human Rights to our affiliates and to groups within which we maintain membership. We purpose to network with other non-governmental organizations, present accurate testimony, make recommendations, facilitate implementation of recommendations of the United Nations commissions, and otherwise within our spheres of influence support the programmes and objectives of the United Nations declarations and covenants.

Jubilee Campaign maintains member affiliates and contacts within countries to which we communicate United Nations resolutions, declarations, programmes, covenants, reports, and other informational resources. We also make fact-finding missions and distribute as widely as possible to the general public and Governments detailed reports and briefing papers that implement United Nations resolutions and principles. We coordinate activities within a number of countries with the objective of seeking to implement United Nations reports and resolutions as these relate to religious liberty, minority rights and children's rights. Jubilee Campaign regularly seeks to meet with governmental leaders and has facilitated parliamentary briefings and hearings on the violation of religious liberty, and to stop the killing of street children, and to prevent the sexual exploitation of children, and has raised awareness of other human rights issues. Finally, since 1990 Jubilee Campaign has annually spoken at the Commission on Human Rights through the International Association for the Advancement of Religious Liberty. Speeches and reports within our areas of competence were presented to Commission delegates.

Jubilee Campaign remains committed to actively expanding the scope of our membership body in order to fulfil the United Nations agenda as these relate to our areas of competency. If granted consultative status, we would enable members of our membership body to assume greater participation in the United Nations context, particularly as it relates to education. We would seek to organize workshops and develop brochures to inform, educate and inspire the public to empathize with and take action implementing United Nations recommendations within our areas of competence.

## 17. RUSSIAN PUBLIC MOVEMENT "FOR CIVIL RIGHTS"

Address: 10 Novaya Ploschad, 5th floor
103012, Moscow, Russian Federation

Category requested: Special

Date established: 11 April 1997

Membership: The organization is a national organization, with 134 individual members.

Summary of financial statement for 1 January-31 December 1998

Income

| | |
|---|---|
| Membership dues | - |
| Government | - |
| Intergovernmental organizations | - |
| Other non-governmental organizations | - |
| Contracts | - |
| Other sources | - |
| Total | - |

Expenditure

| | |
|---|---|
| Administration | - |
| Projects | - |
| Other activities | - |
| Total | - |

Aims and activities and participation in the work of the Council

The Russian Public Movement "For Civil Rights" shows a zero-sum balance because it has operated in conjunction with, and under the auspices of, another Russian Federation non-governmental organization, the Institute for Regional Development, to carry out joint projects for the past two years. Ms. Tatyana Ermina, founder of the Institute for Regional Development, has recently been appointed Vice-President of the Russian Public Movement "For Civil Rights" and all future funding will go directly to this organization.

The Russian Public Movement "For Civil Rights" was founded in 1997 in support of the principles and aims of Article 55 (Chapter IX) of the Charter of the United Nations with a view to promoting solutions that enable citizens of the Russian Federation to achieve economic and social progress and development; universal respect for, and observance of, the principles of human rights; fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion; and international educational cooperation.

In this respect, the organization carries out educational and informational activities aimed at encouraging political activism and economic activity that promote the development and expansion of democracy, increase the framework for economic, civil and human rights and values, and protect the rights of all citizens in ways that give practical application to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

It accomplishes this by:

(a) Supporting non-partisan political activity to promote federalism, democracy and the rule of law; monitoring legislative initiatives (including social security reform); and encouraging political activism and economic activity through the use of educational programmes and materials;

(b) Cooperating with pertinent State agencies, and legal and individual experts in accordance with its statutory aims and goals;

(c) Organizing and participating in conferences and educational activities that foster intercultural understanding, support educational reform and combat social exclusion for minorities and disadvantaged groups;

(d) Using the media to advocate the protection of the civil, economic, education and human rights of the elderly, abused children, ethnic minorities and women;

(e) Carrying out in-depth research studies including specific aspects of pension issues and their impact on women in the Russian Federation;

(f) Collaborating with other organizations working in the same or similar fields.

If accredited to the Economic and Social Council, the Russian Public Movement "For Civil Rights" will develop programmes to address gender-based violence; and actively participate in United Nations-sponsored conferences and programmes to promote democracy and defend the economic, civil and human rights of the elderly, ethnic minorities, women and children. The organization will also expand its information-sharing activities to encompass relevant sections of the United Nations Secretariat and will offer its expertise to the Commission on Human Rights as well as the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE). In addition, the organization will also monitor implementation by the Russian Federation of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and the Beijing Platform for Action.

## 18. ALLIANCE MUSULMANE D'ANGOLA

**Address:** Bairro Palanca, Zona 12, Rua 113, No. 16
C.P. 5434
Luanda
Angola

**Category requested:** Special

**Date established:** 25 November 1993

**Membership:** The organization is a national organization with 420 individual members.

**Summary of financial statement** (United States dollars)

| | |
|---|---|
| **Income** | |
| Membership dues | 1 650 |
| Other income | 42 100 |
| Total | 43 750 |
| **Expenditure** | |
| Administration | 1 000 |
| Projects | 25 000 |
| Other activities | 10 000 |
| Total | 36 000 |

**Aims and activities of your organization and anticipated participation in the work of the Council**

The objective of ALMUA is to combat the poverty, destitution and intellectual, economic and social deprivation of the Angolan people; offer guidance to and train youth in various areas of social, professional, technical, cultural, athletic and recreational life; provide assistance to the needy; build mosques, rehabilitation centres for the disabled, orphanages, medical centres and children's schools; and defend human, particularly children's, rights.

**Activities of ALMUA**

ALMUA is involved in the establishment of centres, cooperatives and vocational training schools and also carries out activities in the areas of agriculture; general and cultural education; water purification; literacy; and humanitarian and health assistance.

**Anticipated participation in the work of the Council**

ALMUA would provide strong support to the Council by providing human rights activists in Angola; supporting all the recommendations, projects and conclusions emanating from United Nations meetings; and pledging to support the work of the United Nations and to disseminate its principles and activities.

## 19. FEDERATION OF IJAW COMMUNITIES

**Address:** 70 Arbery Road
Bow
London E3 5DD
United Kingdom

**Category requested:** Special

**Date established:** 24 November 1991

**Membership:** The organization is an international organization with 5,000 individual members and 25 organizational members in three countries.

**Summary of financial statement for 1998** (Pounds sterling)

**Income**

| | |
|---|---|
| Membership dues/subscriptions | 840 |
| Revenue from contracts | 500 |
| Other | 1 150 |
| Total | 2 490 |

**Expenditure**

| | |
|---|---|
| Administration | 853 |
| Other activities | 1 500 |
| Total | 2 353 |

**Aims and activities of your organization and its anticipated participation in the work of the Council**

The Federation of Ijaw Communities (FEDICOM) is the representative umbrella organization for all United Kingdom/EU-based Ijaw community associations/groups. It represents over 5,000 individual members in the United Kingdom/EU, and in Nigeria, FEDICOM represents over 8 million people across the Niger Delta region, encompassing Akwa Ibom, Bayelsa, Delta, Edo, Ondo and Rivers states. It is an independent, voluntary, non-political, non-commercial, non-profit making, non-governmental organization. Its membership is made up of representatives from every one of the several United Kingdom/EU-based Ijaw community associations/ groups.

**Activities**

Since its inception on 24 November 1991, its activities have centred around its object of drawing by peaceful means the attention of the international community to the appalling environmental degradation and inhumane living conditions in the oil/gas-rich Niger Delta region of Nigeria. To that end, it

attended the World Conference on Human Rights (NGO Forum) in Vienna (10-12 June 1993), and the follow-up Manchester Forum on Sustainable Development (Agenda 21) in October 1994. It has over the years organized various campaigns, workshops, seminars, conferences etc. based on these fundamental issues. In particular, it organized an international conference on the Niger delta area of Nigeria, which led to the formation of an international committee on the Niger Delta, which subsequently came to be known as the Niger Delta Forum. It encompasses all ethnic nationalities of the Niger Delta, including the Ijaw Itshekiri, Isoko, Binis, Urhobos, Ogonis, Ibibios, Ikwerres, Ishans, Kwales, Annags, Ogbas etc., thereby bringing together a diverse set of peoples with diverse cultures and languages for the good of humanity.

It is the hope of FEDICON to consolidate past achievements (noted above) with cooperation from the Council and to advance its work further by carrying out its planned activities. It is willing and prepared to keep and abide by the ethos, standards, and fundamental principles of the United Nations.

Finally, it appeals to the United Nations to help the helpless, impoverished, powerless Ijaw/Niger delta region of Nigeria. There is no alternative.

## 20. WORLD COUNCIL FOR PSYCHOTHERAPY

**Address**: Rosenbursenstraße 8/3/8
A-1010
Vienna
Austria
Phone: +43 1 512 0444
Fax: +43 1 512 05 70
e-mail: wcp.office@psychotherapie.at

**Category requested**: General

**Date established**: 13 March 1996

**Membership**: The organization is an international organization, with 265 individual members and 91 organizational members in 59 countries.

**Summary of financial statement for 1999** (United States dollars)

**Income**

| | |
|---|---|
| Membership dues | 10 200 |
| Contributions from Governments | 250 000 |
| Contracts | 140 000 |
| Other sources | 785 000 |
| Total | 1 185 200 |

**Expenditure**

| | |
|---|---|
| Administration | 49 000 |
| Projects | 1 185 200 |
| Total | 1 234 200 |

**Aims and activities of your organization**

The main aims and activities of the organization are:

(a) To offer and provide psychotherapy experts worldwide;

(b) To cooperate with national and international organizations in peacekeeping and conflict management;

(c) To support all efforts to maintain human rights;

(d) To develop a worldwide network on all psychotherapeutic issues;

(e) To consult authorities in different countries on issues concerning the emotional/psychic sphere of individuals and groups;

(f) To unite all psychotherapists, psychotherapeutic institutes with their different school orientation, psychotherapeutic researchers and their institutes, and their national and international organizations;

(g) Organization of the World Congress for Psychotherapy (every three years);

(h) Organization of local congresses for psychotherapy;

(i) Close cooperation with the European Commission regarding the practice of psychotherapy in the European Union;

(j) Provision of ethical guidelines;

(k) An Internet homepage with general information on psychotherapy;

(l) Active support of educational projects;

(m) Support of research projects.

Anticipated participation in the work of the Council

The WCP would participate in the work of the Council by establishing a network with the Council, organizing an exchange of experts, developing projects, and attending international meetings.

## 21. INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR NOT-FOR-PROFIT LAW

**Address:** 733 15th Street NW
Suite 420
Washington, D.C. 20005
United States of America

**Category requested:** Special

**Date established:** 15 October 1992

**Membership:** ICNL is neither a membership organization nor an association. It is an independent, self-governing, voluntary, non-profit corporation.

**Summary of financial statement for 1998** (United States dollars)

**Income**

| | |
|---|---|
| Contributions from Governments | 942 876 |
| Contributions from intergovernmental organizations | 189 828 |
| Contributions from other non-governmental organizations | 123 195 |
| Revenue from contracts etc. | 9 943 |
| Other income | 7 447 |
| Total | 1 273 289 |

**Expenditure**

| | |
|---|---|
| Administration | 346 156 |
| Projects | 982 743 |
| Total | 1 328 899 |

**Aims and activities of your organization and anticipated participation in the work of the Council**

The International Center for Not-for-profit Law (ICNL) is an international organization that facilitates and supports the development of civil society. Its purpose is to assist the creation and improvement of laws and regulatory systems that permit, encourage, and regulate voluntary, independent, not-for-profit organizations in countries around the world.

ICNL is engaged in a variety of activities that respond to local needs for the improvement of legal and fiscal enabling environments. In developing a country's institutional capacity to promote and sustain a sound legal environment for civil society, ICNL seeks to establish sound laws and regulations, train and educate lawyers and government officials to understand the sector of not-for-profit organizations, and make it better educated and better organized.

For example, in Central and Eastern Europe, ICNL's technical and legal assistance for the creation of an appropriate not-for-profit legal/fiscal framework has resulted in the development of sound laws governing registration, rights of founders/members, reporting requirements, dissolution, and tax benefits. In responding to the need to increase local capacity through education, research and training, ICNL has developed law school seminar materials that teach local lawyers how to represent not-for-profit organizations and resolve disputes with local authorities.

In the newly independent States, ICNL has produced English and Russian language reports on the legal structure of the not-for-profit sector, funded consultancies in Armenia and Georgia, trained not-for-profit organization leaders from Central Asian Republics, provided technical assistance to legal experts in Moldova, and assisted the Ministry of Justice in Uzbekistan in drafting a new not-for-profit organization law. In the Middle East, ICNL has assisted in the development of new laws governing not-for-profit organizations in the West Bank and Gaza, and Yemen under a contract with the World Bank, and in Egypt under a contract with USAID.

ICNL has actively participated in international organizations and conferences and has published materials on the legal, regulatory, and fiscal framework for the global development of civil society, including handbooks on international standards, principles and best practices for not-for-profit organization laws around the world.

ICNL is interested in participating in the work of the Council particularly as it relates to civil society and participatory economic and social development. ICNL is the only organization that works globally to strengthen the freedom of association by helping to create and improve laws and regulatory systems that permit and encourage civil society, promote self-sustainability for non-governmental organizations, and facilitates the full participation of non-governmental organizations in social and economic development.

## 22. NON-ALIGNED STUDENTS AND YOUTH ORGANIZATION

**Address:** Headquarters
21st, Building 19
Baghdad, Adhamia
Iraq

**Postal address:** P.O. Box 4105
Baghdad
Iraq

**Category requested:** General

**Date established:** 30 April 1993

**Membership:** The organization is a national organization, with 101 organizational members.

**Summary of financial statement for 1999** (United States dollars)

**Income**

| | |
|---|---|
| Membership dues | 93 200 |
| Other income | 29 065 |
| Total | 122 265 |

**Expenditure**

| | |
|---|---|
| Administration | 39 388 |
| Projects | 70 362 |
| Other activities | 23 500 |
| Total | 133 250 |

**Aims and activities of your organization**

The aims of the Non-Aligned Students and Youth Organization (NASYO) are to assist in strengthening and disseminating the aims and objectives of the United Nations and the non-aligned movement, cooperating with the specialized agencies; working and striving for a better system of world education to enable everyone, without any sort of obstacle, to have a proper education from pre-primary to higher studies; and militating for student rights.

NASYO works with students and youth to achieve the aims and ideals of universality, national liberation, political, economic, social and cultural justice, total equality among nations, solidarity, democracy, national sovereignty and development for peace, security, disarmament and denuclearization, elimination of biological weapons and all weapons of mass destruction, for the widest cooperation between nations and peoples and against all sorts of malpractice, repression and oppression. Believing in the non-aligned conception for a free world democratic society, NASYO works and cooperates with any international, regional and national organization or agency whose aims and objectives are related to civil rights, development, progress, social justice or any other NASYO field of interest.

Anticipated participation in the work of the Council

NASYO intends to participate in the work of the Council by sharing Council aims and ideals, distributing information on the Council to NASYO members and to those concerned at large, participating and responding to Council activities and events, organizing joint programmes with the Council and other United Nations bodies, mobilizing NASYO member organizations to participate in Council activities.

## 23. INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS LIBERTY ASSOCIATION

**Address**: 12501 Old Columbia Pike
Silver Springs, Maryland 20904-6600
United States of America

**Category requested**: Special

**Date established**: Incorporated in Washington, D.C., on 16 August 1946

**Membership**: The organization is an international organization, with 10,163,414 individual members.

**Summary of financial statement for 1999** (United States dollars)

| | |
|---|---|
| **Income** | |
| Grants from the Seventh-Day Adventist Church | 40,000.00 |
| Other income | |
| Interest | 1 149.23 |
| Fees from World Conference participants | 1 000.00 |
| Total | 42 149.23 |
| **Expenditure*** | |
| Projects | |
| World Conference, New Delhi | 19 225.53 |
| Russian Federation Conference, Moscow | 1 000.00 |
| Cameroon Conference | 1 000.00 |
| Conference of Experts, Madrid | 5 069.00 |
| Production of *Fides et Libertas* | 7 231.54 |
| Total | 33 526.07 |
| Net increase to IRLA Fund (1999) | 8 623.16 |

**Aims and activities of the organization and anticipated participation in the work of the Council**

Working from its bases in Washington, New York and Geneva, IRLA will conduct an international symposium in Bermuda (2001) and a world congress in the Philippines (2002).

IRLA will participate in the United Nations World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance.

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* Administrative and support personnel serve on a voluntary basis at no expense to the Association.

IRLA would continue its association with non-governmental organization committees on freedom of religion or belief, human rights and religious organizations at the United Nations.

IRLA would give special attention to those nations whose Governments withhold food, housing, medical care, and education as a means of religious and political control.

In particular, IRLA would continue to note those nations whose Governments tend to identify any religious organizations in pejorative terms.

IRLA would work to protect the fundamental right of every individual to adopt a religion or belief, to change from one religious persuasion or belief system to another and to manifest his or her religion or belief individually and in association with others.

## 24. HUMAN RIGHTS INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTATION SYSTEMS INTERNATIONAL

**Address:** 48, Chemin du Grand-Montfleury
1290 Versoix
Switzerland
Tel.: 41 22 755 5252
Fax: 41 22 755 5260
e-mail: huridocs@comlink.org

**Category requested:** Special

**Date established:** 1982

**Membership:** The organization is an international organization, with 17 individual members and 222 organization members in 79 countries/territories.

**Summary of financial statement for 1998** (Swiss francs)

| Income | |
|---|---|
| Membership dues | |
| Government | 318 211 |
| Intergovernmental organizations | |
| Other NGOs | 346 744 |
| Contracts | |
| Other sources | 20 855 |
| Total | 685 810 |

| Expenditure | |
|---|---|
| Administration | 305 474 |
| Projects | 178 080 |
| Other activities | 201 530 |
| Total | 685 084 |

**Aims and activities and contribution to the work of the Council**

HURIDOCS aims to promote and protect human rights through improvement of monitoring and through the wider dissemination of information about human rights.

The main goals of HURIDOCS are: (a) to increase access to human rights information by developing and promoting monitoring, information handling and communication tools for use by the human rights community; (b) to increase the competence of human rights information and documentation workers through training on tools and techniques of monitoring and information handling and

through provision of advice and support; and (c) to strengthen and support networks and other collaborative efforts among human rights organizations in the area of human rights information.

The work of HURIDOCS is carried out through the establishment of task forces which develop various tools, the formation of pools of experts who serve as trainers and consultants; the organization of training courses, workshops, internships and similar activities at various levels, and the convening of conferences and other activities, towards the establishment of regional and thematic networks.

HURIDOCS will continue to participate actively in United Nations-sponsored activities. For one, it will participate and offer its expertise in the work of the Commission on Human Rights, particularly in the areas of human rights education and training, in monitoring the observance of human rights obligations, and in terms of technical cooperation. It also plans to continue working with treaty-monitoring bodies for the development of appropriate monitoring tools.

HURIDOCS will also continue its major thrust of helping in the capacity-building efforts of the human rights community, particularly non-governmental organizations, so that these can participate more meaningfully in activities such as those carried out by the Commission on Human Rights.

Another area where HURIDOCS can provide service to United Nations bodies is in the dissemination of human rights information. A search engine specifically devoted to human rights information will be put into operation in 1999.

## 25. MILLENNIUM INSTITUTE

**Address**: 1117 N. 19th Street
Suite 900
Arlington, VA 22209-1708
United States of America

**Category requested**: Special

**Date established**: 1983

**Membership**: The organization is an international organization.

**Summary of financial statement for 1998** (United States dollars)

| | |
|---|---|
| **Income** | |
| Revenue from contracts | 637 922.38 |
| Other income | 40 642.64 |
| Total | 678 565.02 |
| **Expenditure** | |
| Administration | 153 903.00 |
| Projects | 728 900.00 |
| Total | 882 803.00[1] |

**Aims and activities of your organization and its anticipated participation in the work of the Council**

The Millennium Institute aims to facilitate country-level consensus on sustainable development strategies through its Threshold 21 computer assessment tool. The Institute uses this tool to engage country leaders, non-governmental organizations, United Nations agencies and international leaders in addressing sustainable development issues in several topical areas, including those addressed by Agenda 21, other United Nations global conferences and the United Nations Development Assistance Framework.

In addition, the Institute strives to engage leaders of all the "guiding institutions" (business, education, government, media, and religion) to discuss with each other their respective roles in creating sustainable futures. This "creative engagement" is accomplished primarily through the Parliament of the World's Religions.

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[1] Deficit between total revenue and total expenditures made up of funding carried over from previous years.

The Millennium Institute is using systems technology and the turn of the millennium to catalyse a turn towards a peaceful, just, and sustainable future for all.

The Institute helps national Governments, United Nations agencies and development banks to develop consensus on sustainable development strategies for specific countries. THRESHOLD 21, based on an improved version of the World Bank's economic model, includes demographic, social, environmental and resource sectors totally missing from the Bank's model. Applications are finished or in progress for Bangladesh, Benin, Cambodia, China, Italy, Malawi, Tunisia and the United States.

The Institute would take part in the work of the Council through participation in conferences, seminars, support of United Nations projects in the field of sustainable development, and by assisting other non-governmental organizations to participate more effectively in United Nations activities.

## 26. UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI KANSAS CITY WOMEN'S COUNCIL

**Address**: 5100 Rockhill Road
Kansas City, MO 64110
United States of America

**Category requested**: Special

**Date established**: 14 October 1983

**Membership**: The organization is a national organization, with 458 individual members.

**Summary of financial statement for 1997-1998** (United States dollars)

**Income**

| | |
|---|---|
| Membership dues | 4 875 |
| Other income | |
| Gifts to Graduate Assistance Fund (GAF) | 90 337 |
| GAF Endowment earnings | 50 438 |
| Starr Education Endowment earnings | 30 836 |
| Programme/allocation | 10 542 |
| Total | 187 028 |

**Expenditure**

| | |
|---|---|
| Administration | 1 853 |
| Projects | 8 170 |
| Other activities | |
| GAF Grants/aid | 50 438 |
| Starr Symposium | 30 836 |
| Newsletter/misc. | 4 059 |
| Total | 95 356 |

**Aims and activities of your organization and its anticipated participation in the work of the Council**

The University of Missouri Kansas City (UMKC) Women's Council, established in 1967, has worked for 32 years to advance the status of women through education and information. The first programme to achieve this mission was the Graduate Assistance Fund (GAF) Endowment, supporting domestic and international women students through fellowships and grants. Since 1971, 781 women have received $487,611 in assistance from the GAF. The organization continuously works to increase the endowment to provide even greater resources to support women students. The effects of investing in educating women are well documented in all nations.

The second programme to achieve the mission of the UNEC Women's Council was the Starr Symposium. The programme began in 1993 and is supported by the Starr Education Endowment. The mission of the Symposium is to address women's issues and family concerns. Nationally and internationally known experts and government leaders participate in the symposia to work with community leaders to examine ways to eliminate barriers that face women and affect their children. Past participants in Starr Symposia include Gertrude Mangella, Marjorie Margolies-Mezvinsky, Theresa Loar, and Gracia Hillman. These symposia directly support the work of the Commission on the Status of Women and the objective to have non-governmental organizations and civil society fully invested in furthering the goals of the Platform for Action by generating support for public policy measures. The UNEC Women's Council has had exceptional success through the Starr Symposia in building coalitions with other local non-governmental organizations to foster informed dialogue on such topics as the need for partnership between women and men, on girls' relationships with boys, and how the built environment affects women and children.

The UNEC Women's Council sent representatives to the United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women, to the Commission on the Status of Women preparatory meeting for "Women 2000: Gender, Equality, Development and Peace for the Twenty-first Century" and the Hague Appeal for Peace. With recognition by the Council as having special consultative status, the organization would participate in the June 2000 special session and at future conferences and meetings to gather the information necessary to provide local awareness and promote action on existing and emerging issues. Special consultative status would provide the opportunity to share information with the Council, as described in resolution 1996/31, parts IV and V.

## 27. MOUNTAIN WOMEN DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION

**Address**: **Head office**
Post Office Box 591
Gilgit
Northern Areas
Pakistan

**Postal address**
P. O. Box 1780
Islamabad
Pakistan

**Category requested**: Special

**Date established**: 17 May 1995

**Membership**: the organization is a national organization with 105 individual members.

**Summary of financial statement for 1999** (Pakistan rupees):

**Income**

| | |
|---|---|
| Membership dues | 0 |
| Contributions from Government | 360 000 |
| Contributions from intergovernmental organizations | 0 |
| Contributions from other non-governmental organizations | 0 |
| Revenue from contracts etc. | 788 500 |
| Other income | 136 900 |
| Total income | 1 285 400 |

**Expenditure**

| | |
|---|---|
| Administration | 53 403 |
| Projects | 1 127 001 |
| Other activities | 100 208 |
| Total expenditure | 1 280 612 |

**Aims and activities and intended participation in the work of the Council**

Mountain Women Development Organization (MWDO) was started in the Northern Areas of Pakistan in 1995. The non-governmental organization is working to eradicate gender discrimination against women in the Northern Areas. The goal was to provide various avenues through which women could develop a higher standard of living through gender awareness and equity, access to education, improved health services, and knowledge of their rights. By 1999, several projects were in place, a Crisis Intervention Centre, a Hostel for Girls in Islamabad, a Microcredit Scheme and a Reproductive Health Centre. The organization has participated in many workshops and conferences, like the Fourth

World Conference on Women in Beijing in 1995, the Association for Women in Development (AWID) - Forum 1996, the Microcredit Summit held in 1997 and so forth. It held its own conference on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the Commission on Human Rights, entitled "Women's Voices Against Violence (WAVE 98)".

MWDO believes in creating awareness and change through:

(a) Providing interventions and services for women victims of violence;

(b) Women's human resource development through education and skill enhancement to enable them to enjoy equal human rights;

(c) Women's economic independence by providing job opportunities and microcredit schemes;

(d) Advocating women's reproductive health rights and other health issues;

(e) Evolving a cost-effective and long-lasting mechanism to reduce discrimination against women.

Mountain Women Development Organization will actively participate in United Nations-sponsored meetings on human rights, including women and children's rights. MWDO is committed to carrying on all the activities, projects and publications to ensure the implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, and other conventions on child rights and human rights. This organization will continue to disseminate all the information regarding United Nations work among the communities and within the networks. The organization will always look for opportunities to lend its research and activities to areas of interest to the Council inasmuch as they concern defence of the rights of women and children or any responsibility extended by the United Nations or any other organs like UNIFEM, UNICEF and WHO.

## 28. International Planned Parenthood Federation-European Region

**Address**: 146 Rue Royale
B-1000 Brussels
Belgium

**Category requested**: General

**Date established**: 20 February 1967

**Membership**: The organization is an international organization, with 37 organizational members in 37 countries.

**Summary of financial statement for 1999** (United States dollars)

| | |
|---|---|
| **Income** | |
| Contributions from Governments | 744 935 |
| Contributions from intergovernmental organizations | 370 860 |
| Other income | 2 288 088 |
| Total | 3 403 883 |
| **Expenditure** | |
| Administration | 321 016 |
| Projects | 2 590 743 |
| Total | 2 911 759 |

### Aims and activities of your organization and anticipated participation in the work of the Council

The mission of the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF)-European Region is to advance, defend and protect the basic human right of all people to make free and informed choices in their sexual, emotional and reproductive lives; to strive for the development and provision within Europe of a range of accessible health information, education and clinical services, of high quality regarding sexuality and sexual identities, conception, contraception and safe abortion.

Since many of the region's countries are important development aid donor countries, the member organizations strive to promote the importance of sexual and reproductive health and rights in development aid, in accordance with the Cairo Programme of Action and the Beijing Platform for Action.

The activities of IPPF-European Region include:

(a) NGO development and capacity-building: It provides technical support in setting up and building capacity of democratically structured family planning associations (FPAs) in the countries of Eastern Europe and Central Asia, and with project implementation;

(b) Protecting women's rights: FPAs in Western, Central and Eastern Europe campaign for sexual and reproductive rights (SRR) to be recognized in legislation

and society, and for the full participation of women in the process. In Eastern Europe, in particular, women's rights are marginalized and often ignored by health systems, and laws guaranteeing women's rights, particularly SRR, are vulnerable;

(c) International advocacy: FPAs and regional office staff participate in regional and international conferences of the United Nations as well as in European conferences in the context of the EU and the Council of Europe, and work with national parliamentarians. This includes advocacy for the situation in the Europe region as well as in the developing world in European donor and potential donor countries;

(d) Projects: The IPPF/European Region regional office and member organizations implement projects covering a wide range of issues.

IPPF/European Region works closely with UNFPA and WHO. It is planning to participate in the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (May 2001), the World Summit on Children (September 2001) and the United Nations conference on HIV/AIDS (Barcelona, 2002), and to contribute to sessions of the Commission on Human Rights, the Commission on the Status of Women and the Commission on Population and Development.

## 29. Nonviolence International

**Address:** P.O. Box 39127
Friendship Station, NW
Washington, D.C. 20016
United States of America
Tel: 1-202-244-0951
Fax: 1-202-244-6396
E-mail: nonviolence@igc.org
Web site: www.igc.org/nonviolence/

**Category requested:** Special

**Date established:** 12 May 1989

**Membership:** The organization is an international organization; it is not membership-based.

**Summary of financial statement for 1999 (United States dollars)**

**Income**

| | |
|---|---|
| Other non-governmental organizations (private foundations) | 14 304 |
| Contracts | 4 500 |
| Other sources | 19 613 |
| Total | 38 417 |

**Expenditure**

| | |
|---|---|
| Administration | 12 332 |
| Projects | 10 119 |
| Other activities | 8 851 |
| Total | 31 302 |

### Aims and activities of your organization and anticipated participation in the work of the Council

Nonviolence International was founded in 1989 with the intent of providing assistance to individuals, organizations and Governments seeking non-violent means to bring about social and political change. It envisions strengthening people's ability to use the power of non-violence as a means to bring about changes that reflect the truth of justice and the desire for human development on personal, social, economic and political levels. It believes that every cultural and religious tradition in the world contains the seeds of truth through non-violence, and it encourages activists of different traditions to seek non-violent solutions that respect their cultural identities.

In order to act on this philosophy, Nonviolence International provides general educational materials on non-violent action from all traditions as well as hands-on strategy sessions and training for activists and organizers through the coordination of teams of international experts. Nonviolence International sponsors local, national and international conferences and seminars and offers training programmes and educational material on non-violent action. Nonviolence International also provides

a core group of international non-violent action specialists to groups or Governments seeking alternative possibilities for peace, and cooperates with other non-violence, peace and conflict-resolution organizations internationally to work together towards a common goal. The organization prints and disseminates articles, newsletters and position papers on non-violence and provides public education through speakers and media. Finally, Nonviolence International presents an annual award to the individual or group that best exemplifies the principles and practices of non-violence and conflict resolution in a major conflict situation and carries out other legal activities in pursuit of non-violence and conflict resolution.

Members of Nonviolence International (United Nations Liaison Office) would attend the open sessions of the upcoming United Nations Conference on Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons and its Preparatory Committee meetings. The Liaison Office would also organize and participate in parallel NGO activities. Other planned activities include sending Nonviolence International respresentatives to make presentations at future sessions of the Commission on Human Rights and inter-sessional committees of the treaty banning landmines.

## 30. World Organization for Education, Science and Development*

**Address**: P.O. Box: 83771 Tripoli
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
Tel & Fax: 00 21821 3332025
E-mail: WPOJY@hotmail.com

**Category requested**: General

**Date established**: 18 November 1990

**Membership**: The organization is an international organization, with 421 individual members in 37 countries.

**Summary of financial statement for 1999 (United States dollars)**

**Income**

| | |
|---|---|
| Membership dues | 23 380 |
| Contributions from Governments | 30 000 |
| Revenue from contracts, etc. | 182 745 |
| Total | 236 125 |

**Expenditure**

| | |
|---|---|
| Administration | 40 971 |
| Projects | 132 344 |
| Other | 8 970 |
| Total | 182 285 |

### Aims and activities of your organization and anticipated participation in the work of the Council

The aims are:

(a) To create youth links aiming to serve youth justice;

(b) To discover, develop and train youth talents for serving humanity;

(c) To deepen the links with other world youth establishments to define youth;

(d) To utilize youth activities to contribute to providing assistance for refugees and immigrants;

(e) To contribute to serving human culture in all of its aspects;

(f) To cooperate with other organizations which work for disarmament and the abandonment of atomic, chemical and all other destructive weapons;

(g) To strongly oppose environment destruction;

(h) To play a major role in the fight against drugs and the abuse of alcohol, and to stop addiction.

* Formerly World Permanent Organization for Jamahiriyan Youth.

## 31. Japan Civil Liberties Union

**Address**: 306, Atagoyama Bengoshi Bldg. 1-6-7
Atago, Minato-ku
Tokyo, 105-0002
Japan
Tel: +81-3-3437-5466; Fax: +81-3-3578-6687
Email: jclu@jclu.org

**Category requested**: Special

**Date established**: 20 January 1951

**Membership**: The organization is a national organization with 630 individual members.

**Summary of financial statement for 1999 (Japanese yen)**

| | |
|---|---|
| Income | |
| Membership dues | 9 893 650 |
| Other sources | 55 005 639 |
| Total | 64 899 289 |
| Expenditure | |
| Administration | 12 115 309 |
| Projects | 6 715 541 |
| Total | 18 830 850 |

### Aims and activities of your organization

Japan Civil Liberties Union was founded for the protection of fundamental human rights in 1947. It has been active in the elimination of discrimination against women, ethnic minorities, HIV sufferers handicapped persons, and mental patients. Its objectives correspond fully to those of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other international treaties for human rights.

The main activities are:

(a) To study and draw up new policies and bills to protect and promote concrete human rights and advocate them to relevant national agencies;

(b) To disseminate ideas on human rights through public lectures, seminars and publications;

(c) To carry out consultations on human rights for the general public by member attorneys for the protection of individual human rights;

(d) To send its members as lecturers at seminars held by companies and local governments;

(e) To observe and promote the implementation of human treaties by attending and presenting non-governmental organization independent reports to the treaty committees under the Economic and Social Council.

The reports of the treaty committees have been used to evaluate the situation of civil liberties in Japan in terms of the universal standards of human rights. Current work on a bill to establish a national human rights commission is a good example of how the Council has supported the Union's work.

Research and consultations carried out by the Union show the status of the implementation of treaties in Japan. In 1984, the Union reported to the Commission on Human Rights that patients of psychic medicine had encountered discrimination. The cases were also included in independent reports to the treaty committees. This is an example of how the Union has supported the Council's work.

## Anticipated participation in the work of the Council

Considering the importance of international human rights standards, the Japan Civil Liberties Union would continuously involve itself in cooperative and interactive activities with the Council. Consultative status would allow it to strengthen its international human rights activities, especially through enhanced access to the committees under the Council and to information which the human rights organizations of the United Nations possess.

## 32. National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty

**Address**: 1436 U Street, NW
Suite 104
Washington, D.C. 20009
United States of America
Tel: 888-286-2237, 202-387-2237
Fax: 202-387-5590
Email: shawkins@ncadp.org

**Category requested**: Special

**Date incorporated**: 23 May 1984

**Membership**: The organization is a national organization, with nearly 140 national, state, religious and student affiliate organizations.

**Summary of financial statement for 1999** (United States dollars)

**Income**

| | |
|---|---|
| Membership dues | 52 405 |
| Contributions | 226 142 |
| Other income | 186 108 |
| Total | 454 655 |

**Expenditure**

| | |
|---|---|
| Administration | 77 434 |
| Projects | 326 987 |
| Other activities | 51 434 |
| Total | 405 855 |

### Aims and activities of your organization and anticipated participation in the work of the Council

The aims and objectives of the National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty (NCADP) are to increase and expand the scope of human rights protections and to increase momentum around the abolition of the death penalty.

With special consultative status, the NCADP would use a substantial portion of its resources to internationalize its domestic advocacy to eliminate the death penalty. NCADP would facilitate a series of activities involving key human rights treaty bodies, including writing shadow reports, convening public forums and taking delegations to Committee sessions when the United States submits its periodic reports.

In support of the Council priorities, the NCADP would regularly attend sessions of the Commission on Human Rights and take delegations to those sessions based on the death penalty and related themes. NCADP would submit written intervention at the sessions on those themes and make oral intervention to help increase awareness of the arbitrary practices in the adult and juvenile criminal justice systems, and begin to strongly encourage the United States Government fully to implement those human protections to which it has acceded. NCADP would also

submit case studies and reports to both the Commission and the Subcommission on the intersection of race, class and gender in the United States criminal justice system. In those reports, NCADP would highlight several best practices as well as demonstrate the need for greater governmental commitment to expanding those practices but ultimately, to totally eliminate the death penalty.

Finally, NCADP would build on its effort to increase non-governmental organization participation in United Nations world conferences, and their preparatory meetings as well as regular United Nations sessions. Though the World Conference against Racism is central in launching the NCADP's United Nations conference-related work, the intersection between a range of issues and the death penalty which are addressed in other world conferences make those forums important arenas to advance the NCADP efforts to internationalize its domestic advocacy. NCADP would also engage in issues related to the following areas of the Council's work: elimination of racial discrimination, human rights, elimination of torture and rights of the child. These efforts which grow from the Council's priorities, would not only improve NCADP's domestic advocacy but would also increase its effectiveness as an international ally in the global movement to eliminate the death penalty.

## 33. Association of Expelled Persons

**Address**: Godesberger Allee 72-74
53175 Bonn
Germany

**Category requested**: General

**Date established**: 14 December 1958

**Membership**: The organization is a national organization, with 2,000,000 individual members and 42 organizational members.

**Summary of financial statement for 2000 (Deutsche marks)**

| | |
|---|---|
| **Income** | |
| Membership dues | 355 000 |
| Contributions from Governments | 6 150 000 |
| Other income | 45 000 |
| **Total** | **6 550 000** |
| **Expenditure** | |
| Administration | 2 377 000 |
| Projects | 4 173 000 |
| **Total** | **6 550 000** |

### Aims and activities of your organization

The Association of Expelled Persons represents an amalgamation of 21 *Landsmannschaften* (welfare and cultural associations of Germans from the former German Democratic Republic) and five associated member organizations.

It is the only association representing the approximately 15 million expelled persons and emigrants of German origin who were or will be received in Germany.

The Association of Expelled Persons consists of a national network of organizations: 417 district associations and 700 local associations are organized into 16 federal associations; 204 country groups, 3,900 local and district groups and 982 homeland district associations and/or homeland local associations are organized into 21 *Landsmannschaften*.

All in all, the Association of Expelled Persons has approximately 2 million members. Membership in the *Landsmannschaften* and of the federal associations is not limited to expelled persons. Accordingly, there are many persons among the members who have not been expelled from their homes.

The Association of Expelled Persons fulfils the following tasks:

(a) Social advice and supportive activities for expelled persons and emigrants of German origin within the framework of the integrating process in the economic and social life of Germany;

(b) Support and help of German ethnic groups and minorities who stayed in their homeland;

(c) Communication and collaboration with the Eastern neighbouring countries;

(d) Maintenance and diversity of cultural traditions and of cultural goods of the Germans in the East as part of the total European cultural inheritance.

The tasks described above are predominantly fulfilled on a decentralized, national and local basis by a great number of persons who work for the organization on an honorary basis.

## Anticipated participation in the work of the Council

The Association of Expelled Persons would bring before the relevant committees of the United Nations its comprehensive knowledge and experience in all matters of expulsion, human rights, and ethnic groups, and also with respect to economic and social issues.

## 34. National Abortion Federation

**Address:** 1755 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Suite 600
Washington, D.C. 20036
United States of America
Tel: 202/667-5881
Fax: 202/667-5890

**Category requested:** Special

**Date established:** 14 May 1977

**Membership:** The organization is an international organization, with 104 individual members and 418 organizational members in seven countries.

**Summary of financial statement for 1999** (United States dollars)

Income

| | |
|---|---|
| Membership dues | 523 306 |
| Other income | 3 244 722 |
| **Total** | **3 768 028** |

Expenditure

| | |
|---|---|
| Administration | 82 274 |
| Projects | 2 616 207 |
| Other activities | 135 593 |
| **Total** | **2 834 074** |

### Aims and activities of your organization

The National Abortion Federation (NAF) is the professional association of abortion providers in the United States and Canada, with members in Australia, the Netherlands, England, and Spain. Our mid-level clinician groups have members in the United States, Canada, Bolivia, China, England, Pakistan, Puerto Rico, and South Africa. NAF works to enhance the quality and accessibility of reproductive health care including abortion services, post-abortion care, and family planning.

NAF provides the most up-to-date accredited continuing education in safe methods of abortion technique and related patient services, including counselling, informed consent, management of abortion complications, post-abortion follow-up care, contraception, and quality improvement.

We issue medical protocols and training curricula; and were the first to develop and issue clinical policy guidelines for abortion practice. The World Health Organization consulted with many of our members, and used our guidelines, in its current work to develop international guidelines for abortion practice.

NAF is expanding its international educational programmes to address recommendations from the 1994 International Conference on Population and Development and the 1995 Fourth World Conference on Women. Both Conferences identified the need to deal with the impact of unsafe abortion as a major public health concern. NAF can play a critical role in the specific recommendation to

expand and upgrade formal and informal training in sexual and reproductive health care and family planning. Its work will help promote the Council goals in terms of higher standards of living and solutions to international economic, social, health, and related problems.

## Anticipated participation in the work of the Council

In order to reduce maternal death and morbidity from unsafe abortions and post-abortion complications worldwide, NAF would work to improve networking and forums for information exchange among reproductive health-care providers; develop more training opportunities; translate selected NAF clinical publications; develop methods to make these materials accessible to international audiences in terms of cost and awareness of their availability; and develop a repository of clinical information on abortion and post-abortion care.

Through written materials and oral presentations, NAF would participate in the work of the Commission of the Status of Women on the items concerning women's access to comprehensive reproductive health care, and the health care needs for women. It would work in consultation with the subsidiary bodies of the Council concerned with women's health and participate in United Nations conferences to address the medical, social, and economic ramifications of restrictions to safe abortion and quality post-abortion care worldwide.

## 35. Citizens' Rights Protection Society

**Address**: 16, Target Road, Calabar
Cross River State
Nigeria

**Category requested**: Special

**Date established**: 1996

**Membership**: The organization is a national organization, with 706 individual members and 14 organization members.

**Summary of financial statement for 1999 (Nigerian naira)**

Income

| | |
|---|---|
| Membership dues | 1 500 000 |
| Contributions from non-governmental organizations | 3 700 000 |
| Revenue from contracts, etc. | |
| Other income | 210 000 |
| **Total** | **5 410 000** |

Expenditure

| | |
|---|---|
| Administration | 2 186 750 |
| Projects | 3 000 000 |
| **Total** | **5 186 750** |

### Aims and activities of your organization

Aims

(a) To enlighten the general public on the rights of man, in all spheres of human endeavour, including but not restricted to politics, law, aviation, business, commerce, culture, sports, education, democracy, philanthropy, safety, compensation, environment, religion, tourism, creativity, health care, music, travel etc.;

(b) To propagate knowledge and understanding about the basic, natural and constitutional rights of man as regards life, existence, housing, clothing, fashion, refreshment, entertainment, recreation, association, painting, communication, welfare, self-defence, dignity, self-preservation, justice, fair play etc.

Activities

(a) Preach, advocate, proclaim, mount and advance democratic reforms, human protection, environmental protection, leadership training ideals, social justice programmes, human enlightenment campaigns, cultural promotion, penal reforms, prisoners' welfare programmes, civil liberties protection, constitutional and basic rights pursuits and anti-vice campaigns;

(b) Join forces with other organizations and agencies at home and abroad with similar interests and policies to redress the unconstitutional, inhumane and

ungodly ills and constraints that have been plaguing the polity and making life absolutely, vexatiously and inexplicably terrible and meaningless to humanity.

## Anticipated participation in the work of the Council

(a) The Society would contribute to the Economic and Social Council on human rights protection in rural Nigeria, a developing economy; penal reform/prisoners' welfare; peace and conflict resolution;

(b) Offer possible solutions to rural development problems caused by flagrant violations of rights by agents of government (e.g., soldiers, police, civil defence corps);

(c) Implement all international instruments on the protection of human rights, penal reform/prisoners' welfare, women participation in democratic processes, gender equality, social justice, discrimination, social security for developing nations;

(d) Celebrate United Nations anniversaries (e.g., the Universal Declaration on Human Rights);

(e) Open a resource centre for United Nations materials on concerned areas and sundry matters.

## 36. Institute for Global Environmental Strategies

**Address:** 1560-39 Kami-Yamaguchi, Hayama, Kanagawa 240-0198 Japan

**Category requested:** Special

**Date established:** 21 April 1997

**Membership:** The organization is a national organization, with 91 individual members, and 18 organization members in two countries.

**Summary of financial statement for fiscal year 1999 (Japanese yen)**

**Income**

| | |
|---|---|
| Membership dues | 3 315 000 |
| Contributions from Governments | 669 015 000 |
| Contributions from other non-governmental organizations | 12 943 000 |
| Contracts | 227 954 000 |
| Other income | 18 885 000 |
| **Total** | **932 112 000** |

**Expenditure**

| | |
|---|---|
| Administration | 204 807 000 |
| Projects | 713 072 000 |
| **Total** | **917 879 000** |

### Aims and activities of your organization and anticipated participation in the work of the Council

Policy-oriented and practical research activities (strategic research) are carried out by the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES) for the purpose of attaining sustainable development, especially in the Asia/Pacific region. IGES develops environmental strategies and drafts innovative policy recommendations. It hopes to make the results of its strategic research part of the policy- and decision-making processes of a broad range of United Nations bodies, national and local governments, non-governmental organizations, and the public. To carry out its activities, IGES seeks participation not only from individual researchers and experts, but also from international organizations, governments, industry, non-governmental organizations, and the public.

Currently research projects are being carried out by IGES in six strategic areas:

(a) Climate change;

(b) Urban environment;

(c) Forest conservation;

(d) Environmental education;

(e) Environmental governance;

(f) New development patterns.

Since 1999, IGES has supported capacity-building programmes organized by United Nations organizations, such as UNITAR and UNU, and the Asian Development Bank.

IGES surveys and assesses environmental and related issues, analyses their causes and challenges, finds and proposes policy changes and options for improvement in a broad context of social and economic conditions. IGES believes that the results of its surveys, assessments and analyses and policy proposals will be useful and beneficial to the Council in elaborating action for sustainable development.

Proposals of environmental strategies based on research in the six strategic areas is being prepared at the request of the ESCAP secretariat. They will be submitted to the ESCAP Ministerial Meeting on Environment and Development in September 2000.

If it obtains consultative status, IGES would participate most particularly in the work of the Commission on Sustainable Development.

## 37. International Federation of Medical Students' Associations

**Address:** IFMSA c/o World Medical Association
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01212 Ferney-Voltaire CEDEX
France
Tel.: +33-450-404759; Fax: +33-450-405937
Email: gs@ifmsa.org

**Category requested:** Special

**Date established:** 12 September 1989

**Membership:** The organization is an international organization with 69 organizational members in 64 countries.

**Summary of financial statement for 1998/1999** (Dutch florins)

| | |
|---|---|
| **Income** | |
| Membership dues | 82 824 |
| Governments | 91 558 |
| Intergovernmental organizations | 117 013 |
| Other non-governmental organizations | 14 070 |
| Contracts | 4 478 |
| **Total** | **309 943** |
| **Expenditure** | |
| Administration | 86 990 |
| Projects | 195 019 |
| Other activities | 23 014 |
| **Total** | **305 023** |

### Aims and activities of your organization

Since its foundation in 1951, the International Federation of Medical Students' Associations (IFMSA) exists as a forum for initiating and sharing ideas among medical students, formulating policies pertaining to public health, reproductive health, medical education and an active propagation of a culture of peace.

The backbone of the organization, from the very early years, has been its professional exchanges run on a bilateral basis. Every year, 5,000 students take part in exchange programmes with the aim of getting acquainted with the practice of medicine in a foreign culture. Besides the exchanges, IFMSA is actively involved in the field of medical education, reproductive health, prevention of sexually transmitted diseases, public health projects in the developing world, and health care and education of refugees.

All activities of the Federation have the ultimate goal of promoting increased global health and well being, contributing actively to improve intercultural understanding, and preventing violent conflicts through the promotion of human rights.

IFMSA fills important gaps in the medical curricula by addressing the above-mentioned health-related issues in workshops, summer schools and conferences, and by giving future physicians the chance to work in the field on various projects and activities.

IFMSA promotes humanitarian ideals among medical students and so seeks to contribute to the creation of responsible future physicians who will work for the ultimate benefit of society.

## Anticipated participation in the work of the Council

IFMSA already works closely with many components of the United Nations system in achieving the above-mentioned goals and will continue to do so in the future. With special consultative status, it would work with various departments and programmes of WHO, UNFPA, UNESCO, UNICEF and other agencies in the promotion of health, peace and human rights. In the coming year IFMSA will continue to contribute to preparations for the Fourth World Youth Forum of the United Nations Systems.

## 38. Population Concern

**Address:** Studio 325
Highgate Studios
53-79 Highgate Road
London NW5 1TL
United Kingdom
Tel.: 44 (0)20 7241 8510; Fax: 44 (0)20 7267 7689
Email: sandrak@populationconcern.org.uk

**Category requested:** Special

**Date established:** 9 February 1991

**Membership:** The organization is an international organization, with 73 individual members in two countries.

**Summary of financial statement for 1999 (British pounds)**

**Income**

| | |
|---|---|
| Contributions from Governments | 1 826 222 |
| Other grants and donations | 1 257 378 |
| Legacies | 34 547 |
| Other income | 49 028 |
| **Total** | **3 167 175** |

**Expenditure**

| | |
|---|---|
| Administration | 46 899 |
| Projects in the United Kingdom | 102 340 |
| Grants to overseas projects | 2 032 787 |
| Other | 879 934 |
| **Total** | **3 061 960** |

### Aims and objectives of your organization and anticipated participation in the work of the Council

Population Concern works for the improvement of the quality of life worldwide by advancing the right of all people to exercise free and informed reproductive health choices and to have access to confidential sexual and reproductive health services, including family planning. Population Concern promotes the right of women and young people to have effective access to those services and the right of women of all ages to an education that enhances their economic and social standing.

Population Concern would continue to work with the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat and with UNFPA and other agencies to influence in a positive way sexual and reproductive health and the rights of people worldwide. This will be done through participation in various United Nations summits, conferences and committees. Also, advocacy would be undertaken at the global level.

## 39. African Center Foundation

**Address**: 107 West 123rd Street, Suite 3A
New York, N.Y. 10027
Telephone: (212) 531-0281, (212) 531-4786, (212) 531-4826
Fax: (212) 222-3381
Email: AFRCF@AOL.COM

**Category requested**: General

**Date established**: 20 January 1993, Italy, and
31 May 1995, United States of America

**Membership**: The organization is an international organization with 63,542 individual members in 20 countries.

**Summary of financial statement for 1998** (United States dollars)

Income

| | |
|---|---|
| Membership dues | 116 850 |
| Contributions from Government | - |
| Contributions from intergovernmental organizations | - |
| Contributions from other non-governmental organizations | - |
| Contracts | - |
| Other sources | 48 000 |
| **Total** | **164 850** |

Expenditures

| | |
|---|---|
| Administration | 76 000 |
| Projects | 47 700 |
| Other activities | 40 500 |
| **Total** | **164 200** |

### Aims and activities

The African Center was founded in 1989 as a non-political, non-religious effort towards the development of the continent of Africa; to champion its unity, to turn its resource and potential to prosperity; to serve as an African solution to African problems. The Center's main objective is to constantly define various problems facing rural Africans and communities and to employ collective efforts of Africans and the assistance of the people around the world in solving them.

Presently in 14 African countries, Italy, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America, the Center's principle is not to wait for emergencies before Africans can be helped and to constantly seek lasting solutions to various problems in the continent. The Center collaborates with the United Nations, the Organization of African Unity and other organizations. The organization has three main objectives, constant and adequate information on Africa; community and industrial development; and an education assistance programme, and many projects — Greening Africa, Africa Today, etc.

The Center is responsible for the constant promotion of culture, development and peace in Africa through adequate information. Currently, the Center is publishing an international news magazine, *Africa Today*, and a newsletter, *Save the Roots*. The organization also gives monthly seminars on the African economy and annual awards and fundraising events to promote cultural and industrial cooperation.

Greening Africa is an agricultural project of the Center, now in four countries in Africa. The organization believes in lasting solutions to any problem, so it prefers creating farms to giving food and working with communities to begging for the communities. Greening Africa's basic concept is to create annually, in one or two communities in Africa, a model farm that will assist the community in feeding its people and provide them with modern farming techniques and equipment.

The distribution and management of books and educational materials to colleges in Africa is fundamental to the development of the youth of Africa and the coming generations. In the past five years the Center had assisted colleges in Nigeria and Senegal with books and computers.

## 40. International Multimodal Transport Association

**Address**: 3B Rue de Moillebeau
CH-1209 Geneva
Switzerland

**Category requested**: Special

**Date established**: 4 November 1993

**Membership**: The organization is an international organization with 69 individual members, and 31 organization members in 38 countries.

**Summary of financial statement for year 1998** (United States dollars)

Income

| | |
|---|---|
| Membership dues | 6 600 plus |
| Governments | nil |
| Intergovernmental organizations | nil |
| Other NGOs | nil |
| Contracts | nil |
| Other sources | nil |
| **Total** | **6 600 plus** |

Expenditure

| | |
|---|---|
| Administration | 1 261.93 |
| Projects | |
| Other activities (please specify): IMTA Bulletin | 1 459.84 |
| **Total** | **2 721.77 plus** |

The Association is fortunate in that all administrative work has been conducted by volunteers on a no-cost-to-the-Association basis.

### Aims and activities of your organization

The International Multimodal Transport Association (IMTA) believes in:

1. The need for a balanced trade growth among nations in order to ensure the development of their economies and the welfare of their people.

2. The efficient development of logistics and multimodal door-to-door transport operations to benefit trade and society as a whole. This development must be compatible with an adequate protection of people, property and the environment.

3. Our future, which depends on the knowledge and experience of our members and their employees. Therefore, we consider the development of individual skills and abilities to be of fundamental importance; we support innovative ideas and teamwork.

4. Any gain from our activities must be used to self-finance and strengthen the Association, in the interests of society.

6. The Association should therefore aim to generate a positive influence on

**Mission description**

- The best professionals in the world and the best companies involved in transport, logistics or trade will want to become IMTA members and make use of its services.
- IMTA's reports, technical documents and publications will be unavoidable references for all entities, companies and individuals interested in multimodal transport and logistics.
- Any meeting, technical workshop, seminar, course or congress organized by IMTA will be among the most important in their field.
- Work groups conducted by IMTA will be held in highest repute all over the world.
- Research and technological development promoted or backed by IMTA will be the very best being carried out in any part of the world.
- It will be an honour to receive a prize or distinction awarded by IMTA.
- IMTA will continue to grow, offering valuable services.
- The Association will be foremost in its line of activity, contributing to the resolution of transport problems faced by society.
- Our employees and collaborators will be delighted to work with IMTA.
- When people are asked which is the most important multimodal transport association in the world, "**IMTA**" will be the one most often quoted.

## Participation in the Council

If granted observer status with the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary bodies, IMTA will participate actively in its two chosen main fields of activity, transport and trade facilitation. It will make constructive suggestions, when relevant, at those meetings and will be ready to participate in expert group meetings if so called upon.

## 41. Islamic-American Zakat Foundation

**Address**: 7304 Hooking Road
McLean, VA 22101
United States of America

**Category requested**: Roster

**Date established**: 14 November 1986

**Membership**: The organization is a national organization with 6 individual members and 0 organization members.

**Summary of financial statement for 1998** (United States dollars)

| | |
|---|---|
| **Income** | |
| Membership dues | 0 |
| Contributions from Governments | 0 |
| Contributions from intergovernmental organizations | 0 |
| Contributions from other non-governmental organizations | 0 |
| Revenue from contracts, etc. | 0 |
| Other income | |
| Direct public donations | 38 307 |
| Donations from individuals through workplace campaigns | 39 396 |
| **Total** | **77 703** |
| **Expenditure** | |
| Administration | 5 576 |
| Projects | 61 450 |
| Other activities | 0 |
| **Total** | **67 025** |

### Aims and activities

The Islamic-American Zakat Foundation aims at the promotion, assessment, collection and distribution of Islamic charity known as zakat and sadaqa. In furtherance of this goal, the corporation provides the public with assistance in calculating zakat assessments, collects such assessments and sadaqa contributions and distributes those funds to aid the needy, the poor, stranded travellers, and such other charitable beneficiaries as are entitled under Islamic religious law and practice.

To meet these aims, we accept applications from poor and needy persons or on behalf of poor and needy persons and investigate their needs. A review committee determines the degree and ways in which we can best help them and cash or food coupons grants are made to the needy. In the case of repeat applications, a field coordinator investigates the situation and either determines that emergency aid is sufficient or recommends a plan for long-term attainment of self-sufficiency. Further grants are coordinated with such plans. In addition, we make grants to other tax-exempt organizations engaged in international relief and also fund poor or orphaned children in countries like Palestine and Bosnia.

## 42. Minaret of Freedom Institute

**Address**: 4323 Rosedale Avenue
Bethesda, MD 20814
United States of America

**Category requested**: Special

**Date established**: 12 November 1993

**Membership**: The organization is a national organization, with 0 individual members and 0 organization members.

**Summary of financial statement for year _____** (United States dollars)

Income

| | |
|---|---|
| Membership dues | 0 |
| Contributions from Governments | 0 |
| Contributions from intergovernmental organizations | 0 |
| Contributions from other non-governmental organizations | 2 500 |
| Revenue from contracts, etc. | 0 |
| Other income | |
| Sales of publications | 1 599 |
| Admissions to annual dinner | 1 298 |
| Donations from individuals | 14 388 |
| **Total** | **19 785** |

Expenditure

| | |
|---|---|
| Administration | 3 233 |
| Projects | 20 188 |
| Other activities | 0 |
| **Total** | **23 421** |

### Aims and activities

The Minaret of Freedom Institute is a policy research institute that aims to discover and publish the politico-economic implications of Islamic law and their consequences for the economic well-being of the community, to promote the establishment of free trade and justice (an essential common interest of Islam and the West), to educate Islamic religious and community leaders in economics and in the fact that liberty is a necessary, though not sufficient, condition for the achievement of a good society, and to advance human rights, especially the rights of freedom of thought, speech, and religion.

To meet these aims, we engage in educational activities and independent scholarly research into policy issues of concern to Muslims around the world, including America, publication of scholarly and popular expositions of such research, translation of appropriate works on the free market into the languages of the Muslim world with introductions and commentaries by Muslim scholars, and the operation of a scholars exchange programme both to allow institute associates to make presentations to academics and policy makers in Muslim countries and to

permit libertarian Muslims from abroad to spend time in contact with market-oriented Muslim scholars in America and to have access to resources not available in their home countries. Important examples include our article on Muslim adoption in the *Adoption Factbook III* and our collaborative effort with the National Council for Adoption and the American Muslim Council to facilitate the adoption of Muslim children by *kafala*, and our educational work showing the non-Islamic origins of female genital mutilation, which has provided a religious basis for eliminating the severe forms of that practice. Finally, we are active in the study of women's rights in Islam. We sent a representative to the Fourth World Conference on Women and conducted presentations on women's education in Turkey on the Islamic marriage contract.

## Participation in the Council

The Minaret of Freedom Institute will participate actively in United Nations-sponsored meetings on the wide scope of economic and social issues in which we are interested. We shall offer our expertise on facilitating the dialogue between the Muslim world and the Western world in order to avoid that clash of civilizations that has concerned Prof. Samuel Huntington that would benefit no one but which we are certain is avoidable when the intercultural understanding that we have developed is brought to bear.

## 43. International Centre for Peace Studies

**Address**: A-39, First Floor
South Extension Part I
New Delhi-110 049, India
Tel: (91-11) 469 8886
Fax: (91-11) 464 9996
Email: cpsnd@del2.vsnl.net.in

**Category requested**: Special

**Date established**: 21 October 1993

**Membership**: The organization is an international one, with 84 individual members and 5 organization members in 13 countries.

**Summary of financial statement for the period from April 1999 to March 2000** (rupees)

| | |
|---|---|
| **Income** | |
| Membership dues | 17 500 |
| Other income | |
| Sale of publications | 99 150 |
| Donations | 10 000 |
| **Total** | **126 650** |
| **Expenditure** | |
| Administration | 30 248 |
| Other activities (publications, research and seminars) | 101 572 |
| **Total** | **131 820** |

### Aims and activities and participation in the work of the Council

The activities of the Centre include evolving frameworks to study conflict situations, conceptualizing the conflicts and developing strategies for peace-building to address such situations with an emphasis on human rights.

The Centre is engaged in studies in the following areas: promoting a culture of peace through peace education; creating awareness of human rights, displacement and refugee issues; peace through disarmament and international law; global economic order and social conflicts; the role of media in conflict resolution; problems of governance; and right to development.

The research activities at the Centre have a primary focus on issues relating to human rights. The interrelationship among human rights, self-determination, displacement and governance is studied with concern and interest by the researchers of the Centre. The Centre has been organizing debates, discussions and interactive sessions, particularly in educational institutions, to make people sensitive to human rights and to underscore the increasing importance of human rights in the world.

The Centre recognizes that education plays an important role in transmitting many ideas from generation to generation. It is observed that sometimes ideas are disseminated that could be corrosive to peace. In order to meet this challenge, the Centre proposes that any effort aimed at rescuing the subsequent generations from the scourges of inter-societal, inter-ethnic conflicts has to begin with a central curricular thrust on ideas that would emphasize social harmony and universal peace. The Centre plans to develop a peace curriculum in this direction at the national and international level. The Centre has been organizing orientation programmes in this direction in schools involving teachers and students directly and through organizations affiliated with it.

If granted consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, the Centre would actively participate in United Nations-sponsored meetings and activities, particularly in the United Nations Commission on Human Rights and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, and deliberate on and contribute to issues related to peace education, human rights, civil society, grass-roots governance and conflict resolution. The Centre would like to share its experience with and learn from different NGOs coming together in various United Nations meetings and forums and integrate itself with the global community of peace and human rights activists. Through its publications and research activities, the Centre would seek to promote and realize the ideals of the Council. This will help the Centre in harmonizing its activities with the activities of the Council in more meaningful ways.

## 44. National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

**Address**: 4805 Mt. Hope Drive
Baltimore, Maryland 21215
United States of America

**Category requested**: General

**Date established**: 6 June 1911

**Membership**: National organization with 1,470,763 individual members.

**Summary of financial statement for 1999** (United States dollars)

| | |
|---|---|
| **Income** | |
| Membership dues | 2 895 208 |
| Contracts | 20 770 |
| Other sources | 15 409 306 |
| **Total** | **18 325 284** |
| **Expenditure** | |
| Administration | 13 691 348* |
| Projects | 80 529 |
| Other activities | 1 531 885 |
| **Total** | **15 303 762** |

### Aims and activities and participation in the work of the Council

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) is the oldest, largest and strongest civil rights organization in the United States. The principal objective of the NAACP is to ensure the political, education, social and economic equality of minority groups in the United States. The NAACP membership, with more than 500,000 individuals, encompasses all aspects of society working towards a common goal of eliminating racial inequality.

The NAACP carries out its mission by promoting educational programmes, legislative activities and economic and community development programmes, and by enhancing voter education and participation among minority groups, and encouraging youth leadership and community involvement.

* The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) administration costs are used to administer volunteer programmes through its network of branches. While the Association has a staff of nearly 200 people at its headquarters in Baltimore, seven regional offices, a District of Columbia office and a New York City fund-raising office, the bulk of the programme activities are conducted by 2,200 volunteer units scattered throughout the 50 states. Hence the bulk of the Association's funds are administrative funds in support of the volunteer units.

The NAACP has considerable experience in a variety of areas that would provide the Economic and Social Council with a valuable source of information and experience. The NAACP is an experienced civil rights organization and is able to provide the Council and its committees with information to further its goals in eradicating human rights abuses through democratic means.

## 45. American Conservative Union

**Address:** 1007 Cameron Street
Alexandria, VA 22314
United States of America

**Category requested:** General

**Date established:** 28 June 1979

**Membership:** The organization is a national organization, with 1 million individual members.

**Summary of financial statement for 1999** (United States dollars)

Income

| | |
|---|---|
| Membership dues | 5 198 823 |
| Contributions from Governments | - |
| Contributions from intergovernmental organizations | - |
| Contributions from other non-governmental organizations | - |
| Revenue from contracts, etc. | - |
| Other income[a] | 267 218 |
| Interest earned | 1 664 |
| **Total** | **5 467 705** |

Expenditure

| | |
|---|---|
| Administration | 1 088 660 |
| Projects[b] | 3 260 437 |
| Other activities (fund-raising) | 947 846 |
| **Total** | **4 174 000** |

[a] Proceeds from annual Conservative Political Action Conference.
[b] Expenses for Conservative Political Action Conference, research, disseminating position papers, production of Battleline newsletter and other member communication.

### Aims and activities

The American Conservative Union (ACU) is the oldest conservative grassroots organization in the United States. It has one million members from all walks of life, many of whom are active in our nation's political process.

The purpose of ACU is to effectively communicate and advance the goals and principles of conservatism through one multi-issue, umbrella organization. ACU supports capitalism, believes in the doctrine of original intent of the framers of the Constitution, has confidence in traditional moral values, and commitment to a strong national defence.

ACU recognizes that issues which were historically domestic in nature are now influencing, and being influenced by, world events. Its members are often subject to policies that are being developed or discussed in important world forums such as the United Nations. Furthermore, ACU activities on behalf of its United States citizen

members often have global implications (i.e., lobbying efforts regarding the Kyoto Protocol, foreign policy views, etc.).

With this in mind, the organization feels a responsibility to its members to apply to the United Nations for consultative status as a non-governmental organization.

Over the years, ACU has been on the cutting edge of major public policy battles in the United States. Among the significant past efforts of ACU are fighting to keep the Occupational Safety and Health Administration off the back of small businesses, opposing the Panama Canal Treaty, opposing the strategic arms limitation talks (SALT) treaties, supporting aid to freedom fighters in Nicaragua, and opposing the ratification of the Comprehensive Test-Ban Treaty. Our current primary focus includes advocating against higher taxes, and advocating the need for near-term deployment of strategic defences, with a focus on a national missile defence system.

ACU is appreciative of the opportunity to be considered under Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31, and sincerely hopes to be allowed to participate in the diversity of opinion on a variety of issues sought by the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary bodies.

## 46. Coordinating Body for the Indigenous Organizations in the Amazon Basin

**Address**: Calle Luis Beethoven No. 47-65 y Capitán Rafael Ramos
Casilla Postal 17-21-753
Quito, Ecuador
Telephone/Fax: 593-2-2407 759/2502 260
E-mail: info@coica.org
Web site: http://www.coica.org

**Category requested**: Special

**Date established**: The organization was founded in 1984, and was registered in Quito, on 24 August 1995.

**Membership**: The organization is an international organization with no individual members and nine organization members in nine countries.

**Summary of financial statement for 2000** (United States dollars)

Income

| Details of total income and sources of funds | |
|---|---|
| Membership dues | - |
| Governments | - |
| Intergovernmental organizations | - |
| Other non-governmental organizations | 209 398.71 |
| Contracts | - |
| Other sources | - |
| **Total** | **209 398.71** |

Expenditure

| | |
|---|---|
| Administration | 122 578.59 |
| Projects | 84 176.12 |
| Other activities | - |
| Not used | 2 644.00 |
| **Total**[a] | **206 754.71** |

[a] Excludes $206,754.71 travel expenditure to attend international meetings, as well as one of the staff members, given as direct support financed by international development organizations and intergovernmental sources.

### Aims and activities

The general aim of the Coordinating Body for the Indigenous Organizations in the Amazon Basin (COICA) is to develop solutions towards the problems faced by indigenous populations in the Amazon Basin, by seeking to strengthen the interaction and the unity between the member organizations of COICA, and enabling them to exchange experiences as well as find common solutions to common problems.

COICA is working for the defence of indigenous territories and for the recognition of the right to self-determination as well as respect for indigenous peoples' human rights as a whole. The organization is also promoting the cultural recognition and the cultural demands of its member organizations.

COICA is working towards these aims by producing new knowledge on these issues seen from the point of view of indigenous peoples, by improving the flow of information and by strengthening the technical capacity among its member organizations, as well as by coordinating dialogue and negotiations with Governments, intergovernmental organizations and international non-governmental organizations.

COICA has contributed to the work of concern to the Economic and Social Council in a number of areas. Protection of indigenous peoples' traditional knowledge on natural resources is one of these areas. This has included participation at meetings and processes at United Nations bodies, such as the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity and its working groups, conferences convened by the World Intellectual Property Organization and the United Nations Commission on Trade and Development, as well as meetings of the Commission on Sustainable Development.

COICA has also participated actively at the meetings relating to the United Framework Convention on Climate Change with regard to the different mechanisms and agreements within the Kyoto Protocol.

Recently, COICA has been participating in the process towards the ten-year review of progress achieved in the implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development at Johannesburg in September 2002 and will elaborate evaluations of the Rio agreements as well as inform member organizations on this matter.

Related to the recognition and respect for indigenous peoples' rights, COICA has participated in United Nations bodies and meetings developed within the framework of the Commission on Human Rights, including the Working Group on the draft declaration on the rights of indigenous peoples, the Working Group on Indigenous Populations and the preparatory meetings for the Permanent Forum for Indigenous Peoples.

COICA intends to participate in the work of the Economic and Social Council along the above-mentioned lines of work and believes that the granting of special consultative status within the Council will enable this work to be done in a more consistent, continuous, efficient and systematic way.

## 47. Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative

**Address**: F1/12-A, Hauz Khas Enclave
New Delhi — 110 016
India

**Category requested**: Special

**Date established**: 21 July 1993

**Membership**: The organization is an international organization, with 7 organization members in 54 countries.

**Summary of financial statement for year 1998-1999** (United States dollars)

Income

| | |
|---|---|
| Membership dues | - |
| Government | 61 052 |
| Intergovernmental organizations | - |
| Other non-governmental organizations | 225 147 |
| Contracts | - |
| Other sources | 13 966 |
| **Total** | **300 165** |

Expenditure

| | |
|---|---|
| Administration | 68 011 |
| Projects | 46 827 |
| Other activities | 2 996 |
| **Total** | **117 834** |

### Aims

The Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative (CHRI) is an international bipartisan non-profit non-governmental organization mandated to bring about the practical realization of human rights in Commonwealth countries and to raise awareness of and adherence to internationally recognized human rights instruments and declarations made by Commonwealth heads of government.

The Commonwealth is a group of associations set up with the aim of supporting each other and working towards international goals. The Commonwealth attempts to build on a common heritage in language, culture, law and education in promoting international understanding and world peace (see Declaration of Common Principles 1971).

CHRI was born out of an awareness that, although Commonwealth countries have shared legal principles and values, little has been done to set human rights standards within the association itself or to promote a culture of human rights. Therefore, CHRI aims to promote a culture of human rights in Commonwealth countries through its activities.

## Activities

CHRI programmes focus specifically on human rights commissions, police reforms, prison reforms, the right to information, fact-finding missions, biennial reports to the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) and mechanisms for assisting human rights defenders and civil society actors in Commonwealth countries to promote a culture of human rights.

CHRI project staff also respond to individual human rights issues as they arise, especially when an issue has a potential impact on developing a culture of human rights within the region and the Commonwealth.

Organizing local, national, regional and international workshops; advocating for greater adherence to human rights and internationally recognized human rights instruments; investigating human rights violations in Commonwealth countries; analysing and disseminating information; preparing reports for CHOGM; and reporting on fact-finding missions are the major activities carried out under the specific projects listed above.

## How the organization intends to participate in the work of the Economic and Social Council

CHRI has a commitment to achieving the practical realization of human rights standards promulgated in such international instruments as the Charter of the United Nations, the "International Bill of Human Rights" and other international and national human rights instruments.

CHRI sees gaining special consultative status as a means of bringing Commonwealth-related human rights issues, assessments, expertise and information to the attention of the United Nations community. CHRI also sees the Economic and Social Council as a potential forum in which it can advocate for Commonwealth countries to adhere to human rights norms. In this way, the granting of special consultative status to CHRI would create a mutually beneficial relationship between the United Nations network and CHRI which would assist in promoting human rights throughout Commonwealth countries.

## 48. World Sindhi Institute

**Address**: 605 G Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20024
United States of America
Tel: 202 484 0134
E-mail: wsihq@worldsindhi.org

**Category requested**: Special

**Date established**: 14 March 1997

**Membership**: International organization with 1,095 individual members in 14 countries.

**Summary of financial statement for 2000** (United States dollars)

Income

| | |
|---|---|
| Membership dues | - |
| Government | - |
| Intergovernmental organizations | - |
| Other non-governmental organizations | - |
| Contracts | - |
| Contributions | 44 688 |
| Other sources | 180 |
| **Total** | **44 891** |

Expenditure

| | |
|---|---|
| Administration | 24 604 |
| Projects | 1 310 |
| Other activities | 20 019 |
| **Total** | **45 933** |

### Aims and activities of the organization

**Intended participation in the work of the Council**

The World Sindhi Institute (WSI) was founded in Washington, D.C. on 14 March 1997, during, and in the context of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People, and is firmly committed to promoting the national, democratic, cultural and human rights of Sindhi people. The activities of WSI are directed

primarily towards the promotion and practical application of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, adopted and proclaimed by the General Assembly of the United Nations in resolution 217 A (III) of 10 December 1948, and of those articles and principles of other United Nations declarations inasmuch as they concern the interests and rights of indigenous people.

The World Sindhi Institute aims to act as an international forum within which to create awareness of issues related to Sindhi people and Sindh; its main objective is to promote and protect the rights of Sindhi people, empowering them to choose alternatives that would be significant in respect of retaining their cultural identity, values, language and tradition.

The work of the organization is carried out in many different ways; promotion of the relationship between international human rights movements and Sindhi human rights; articulation and creation of public awareness about violations of the democratic, national and human rights of Sindhis; production of multimedia productions on Sindh, its history, culture and current issues of importance to Sindh and Sindhis; opening of additional chapters of WSI in other parts of the world; development of linkages with libraries, research and teaching facilities; collection, organization and computerization of information related to Sindh history, music, dance, drama, literature, folklore and culture. In undertaking these activities, the World Sindhi Institute continuously defends and refers to basic principles of the United Nations such as the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

The World Sindhi Institute plans to participate actively in the United Nations-sponsored meetings on the rights of indigenous people, including their political and cultural rights, and to attend the annual meeting of the Working Group on Indigenous Populations in Geneva. WSI also plans to send representatives to sit as observers at meetings of the Commission on Human Rights and the Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights. WSI will offer its expertise and lend its research to areas of interest to the Commission on Human Rights, and the Council as they concern the rights of minorities. It also intends to submit written statements on issues of importance to Sindhis, especially human rights issues, broadly defined.

## 49. Focus on the Family

**Address:** Focus on the Family
8605 Explorer Drive
Colorado Springs, Colorado 80920
United States of America

Tel: 1 719 5313400
Fax:1 719 5313424

**Category requested**: General

**Date established**: 1978

**Membership**: International organization, with 2,394,848 individual members in 164 countries.

**Summary of financial statement for year 2000** (United States dollars)

Income

| | |
|---|---|
| Contributions | 113 670 000 |
| Government | - |
| Intergovernmental organizations | - |
| Other non-governmental organizations | - |
| Sales/royalties/events/miscellaneous | 13 634 000 |
| **Total** | **127 304 000** |

Expenditure

| | |
|---|---|
| Administration | 10 562 000 |
| Projects | 100 758 000 |
| Other activities | 6 642 000 |
| **Total** | **117 962 000** |

### Aims and activities of the organization and intended participation in the work of the Council

Focus on the Family is an international religious and educational organization dedicated to the nurture and preservation of the family. We believe that "the family is the natural and fundamental group unit of society and is entitled to protection by society and the State". Our aim is to promote the stability and well-being of families by providing educational resources on a broad range of family-related topics and by advocating family-friendly policies in government and education.

As a Christian organization, we believe in the sanctity of life. We endorse the view that "everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person".

Finally, we believe that people have "the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion", as well as "the right to freedom of opinion and expression". There should be no compulsion in religion, but we believe that religion has a legitimate and important role to play in public life. We have worked hard to model and promote that role.

Focus on the Family produces and distributes family-related resources in 165 countries and 30 languages. These resources include books, magazines, radio broadcasts, videos, school curricula and research reports. We have also sponsored conferences and seminars for such groups as physicians, attorneys, legislators, teachers, women, teens, gays and ex-gays, crisis pregnancy centre workers, and seniors.

Our radio broadcasts include family-related talk shows, news shows, commentaries and radio theatre programmes, and are carried on over 6,000 stations worldwide, including 3,042 in the United States, 1,450 in Latin America and most of the rest divided between Europe and Asia — with about 50 in Africa. Broadcasts cover such topics as family finances, managing anger, building self-esteem in children and spouses, abortion, sexuality, human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (HIV/AIDS), education, single-parent families, death and dying, grief, conflict resolution, cultural trends, and family-related news and public policy issues.

Because the range of issues affecting the family are so broad, we anticipate working with many United Nations bodies, including the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the Commission on Human Rights, the Commission for Social Development, the Commission on the Status of Women, the Commission on Population and Development, the Committee on the Rights of the Child and others. We wish to cooperate with these various bodies in promoting the stability and well-being of families, the right to life and the legitimacy of religion in public life.

## 50. Human Relief Foundation

**Address**: Human Relief Foundation
4 Claremont, Bradford,
West Yorkshire
BD7 1BQ, United Kingdom

Tel: 01274-392727
Fax: 01274-739992
E-mail: donate@hrf.co.uk
Website: 222.hrf.co.uk

**Postal address**
Human Relief Foundation
P.O. Box 194, Bradford
BD7 1YW, United Kingdom

**Category requested**: Special

**Date established**: 26 January 1995

**Membership**: International organization.

**Summary of financial statement for year 1 January 1999-31 December 1999**
(pounds sterling)

**Income**

| | |
|---|---|
| Membership dues | - |
| Contributions from Governments | - |
| Contributions from intergovernmental organizations | - |
| Contributions from other non-governmental organizations | - |
| Revenue from contracts etc. | - |
| Other income: | |
| Donations | 988 115 |
| Rent Received | 9 310 |
| Bank Interest | 7 241 |
| Gain on Currency Exchange | 1 178 |
| **Total** | **1 005 844** |

**Expenditure**

| | |
|---|---|
| Administration/management | 88 532 |
| Fund-raising and publicity projects | 84 204 |
| Other activities | 412 045 |
| **Total** | **584 781** |

## Aims and activities of the organization and intended participation in the work of the Council

Human Relief Foundation (HRF) is a charitable humanitarian organization, registered under the charity commission in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. Human Relief Foundation's humanitarian aid comprises assistance and relief on a non-discriminatory basis to help people in need throughout the world. Those who are the most vulnerable and considered priority cases are particularly the victims of both natural disasters (that is to say, earthquakes, floods, droughts and famine) and man-made crises (that is to say, wars, refugee). At the Human Relief Foundation we do not discriminate on grounds of race, ethnic group, gender, nationality or political affiliation.

Mission statement:

- To save and preserve life during emergencies and the immediate aftermath of natural and man-made disasters that have entailed major loss of life, material damage, and physical, physiologic and/or social suffering;
- To carry out short-, medium- and long-term rehabilitation and reconstruction work (health, education, water and sanitation, food, microfinance and agriculture, social welfare) in close association with local structures; and to prevent the impact of the crisis from worsening and start to help those affected regain a minimum level of self-sufficiency.

Under Article 55 of the Charter of the United nations, the United Nations promotes higher standards of living; solutions to international economic, social, health, and related problems; and international cultural and educational cooperation. These activities correspond fully to HRF aims and priorities, which are directed primarily towards the promotion and practical application of its mission statement.

We employ 14 staff members in total; our main sources of funding are from individuals and organizational donors.

The Human Relief Foundation now plans to take a more proactive approach in participating and collaborating closely in United Nations activities, meetings, programmes and conferences with regard to humanitarian issues. We aim to expand our information-sharing activities to relevant sections of the United Nations Secretariat and will participate in the work of, and offer expertise to, the Council and relevant specialized agencies on humanitarian issues, as well as submit applications for contracts with, for example, the World Food Programme, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the United Nations Children's Fund and the World Health Organization. As a humanitarian organization, working to alleviate suffering throughout the world, we are developing a "hands-on approach", as a front-line organization, to our programmes and activities, and plan to carry this out by working with the United Nations organizations mentioned above.

Human Relief Foundation is a member of the British Overseas NGOs for Development (BOND) and is a signatory to the Code of Conduct for the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

## 51. American Family Association of New York

**Address**: 7 Shoreview Road
Port Washington, New York 11050
United States of America

**Category requested**: Roster

**Date established**: December 1993

**Membership**: National organization with 1,000 individual members

**Summary of financial statement for the year 1999** (United States dollars)

Income

| | |
|---|---|
| Membership dues | 5 074 |
| Contributions from Governments | - |
| Contributions from intergovernmental organizations | - |
| Contributions from other non-governmental organizations | - |
| Revenue from contracts etc. | - |
| Other income | 13 432 |
| **Total** | **18 506** |

| Expenditure | |
|---|---|
| Administration | 3 011 |
| Projects | 13 832 |
| Other activities | - |
| **Total** | **16 843** |

## Aims and activities of the organization and intended participation in the work of the Council

The American Family Association of New York (AFA-NY) is primarily concerned about the breakdown in the family, and the consequences of this breakdown, including problems such as drug abuse, poverty, crime, divorce and its impact on children, sexually transmitted diseases and educational problems. AFA-NY is especially concerned about the educational difficulties facing poor, inner-city parents. While the causes of this breakdown in the family are numerous and varied, we focus on three problematic areas: (a) the media, with its increased portrayal of offensive sexual material, violence and profanity in films and on television; (b) academia, which has increasingly moved in a direction that equates all choices in certain key areas as morally equivalent; and (c) government, which has increasingly marginalized marriage and the building of strong families by its policies, including its anti-family and anti-marriage tax policies. AFA-NY believes that pouring more money into dealing with problems of drug abuse, poverty, crime and education, as we have been doing for more than 30 years, is increasingly ineffective, since these problems are largely due to a lack not of public money, but rather of public morals. Increasing public spending, therefore, on these problem areas can be counterproductive, as it increases the tax burden on struggling middle-class families, which then, under this increased tax burden, make decisions that can be harmful to their own families, in respect, for example of forcing young mothers into the workplace in order to earn income to pay the higher taxes.

AFA-NY produces a weekly public access cable television programme on key issues affecting the family. The weekly programme airs on 13 of the largest cable systems in New York State with weekly access to over 6 million viewers, and is believed to be the most widely syndicated public access cable television programme in the state. Since 1995, over 200 programmes have been produced and aired, through the efforts of some 30 volunteers, featuring well over 200 guests, with various and differing points of view. AFA-NY also conducts an annual forum at a public library, and holds an annual meeting open to the public. Finally, officers of AFA-NY have appeared on numerous national television programmes, including "Donahue" (twice), "Geraldo", "Larry King Live", "Sally Jessy" (three times), "A Current Affair" (four times) and many others. AFA-NY issues a quarterly newsletter free to anyone requesting it.

AFA-NY would like to participate in the work of the Council by attending such meetings or conferences as deal with any of our issues of concern. It would also appreciate the opportunity to meet with and then hopefully interview on its public access cable television programme various United Nations officials, as well as those serving on various United Nations or Council committees dealing with any of the problems related to the Association's concerns. AFA-NY would also appreciate the opportunity, upon occasion, to present its point of view to those committees of the United Nations that have an interest in areas of interest in which it specializes.

# 52. Globus et Locus

**Address**: Via Camperio 9, 20123 Milan, Italy
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E-mail: globusetlocus@mi.unicatt.it

**Category requested**: General

**Date established**: 7 December 1997

**Membership**: National organization, with eight organization members.

**Summary of financial statement for year 2000** (euro)

Income

| | |
|---|---|
| Membership dues | 154 937 |
| Contributions from Governments | - |
| Contributions from intergovernmental organizations | - |
| Contributions from other non-governmental organizations | 202 985 |
| Revenue from contracts etc. | 82 633 |
| Other income | 907 |
| **Total** | **441 462** |

Expenditure

| | |
|---|---|
| Administration | 113 949 |
| Projects | 316 822 |
| Other activities | 14 090 |
| **Total** | **444 861** |

## Aims and activities and how the organization intends to participate in the work of the Council

"Think globally, act locally." This is the principle that becomes almost automatic as the process of globalization advances on the world scene.

The association Globus et Locus, emanating from some of the regional authorities of northern Italy and major Italian economic, financial and academic institutions, is a non-profit body whose mission is the study, promotion and diffusion of the *glocal* culture. The association will place particular emphasis on the theme of "mobility" as a distinctive feature of the *glocal* society, with reference to the mobility of things and people — the logistics; the mobility of signs — communication in the global society; and the mobility of financial resources and especially the mobility of brains in other words, training.

As far as training is concerned, Globus et Locus is attentive to the process of reform in progress in the global organization par excellence, the United Nations system. The special relationship with the United Nations is expressed through the project for the support of the United Nations institutions based in Turin (the International Training Centre of the International Labour Organization, the United Nations Staff College and the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute).

The project "Communication as a reform tool for the United Nations system" is intended as the starting point of a wide-ranging strategy that, supported by widespread interests and the potential of northern Italy, aims to consolidate and reinforce the global institutions located in the area. The project, entirely funded by Globus et Locus, has made it possible to carry out two pilot seminars at the United Nations Staff College on the theme "Communication as a reform tool for the United Nations system". The seminars, targeting senior officials of the United Nations, were held in October 2000 in New York and February 2001 at the Staff College in Turin.

Globus et Locus intends to continue with this support strategy for the United Nations system, specifically in its manifestations based in northern Italy, drawing on the decisions of the Council to identify, together with the representatives of the local United Nations institutions, the most suitable projects to be supported. This commitment will be realized through the "Support Group for United Nations Institutions in Turin", a work group whose members are among the major public and private bodies in Turin, set up with the aim of facilitating an ongoing collaboration between the top levels of the United Nations and the institutions of Piedmont and northern Italy. The Group will work towards consolidating the capacity for creating a network of friendly institutions around the United Nations Turin hub which will be a source of content useful to the United Nations world.

## 53. International Crisis Group

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1050 Brussels, Belgium
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Fax: +32-2-502-5038
E-mail: icgbrussels@crisisweb.org

*New York office*
400 Madison Avenue, Suite 11C
New York, NY 10017
Phone: 212-813 0820
Fax: 212-813 0825
E-mail: icgny@crisisweb.org

**Category requested**: General

**Date established**: 28 February 1995

**Membership**: International organization, with 55 individual Board members in 31 countries.

**Summary of financial statement for year 2000** (ended 30 June 2000)
(United States dollars)

| | |
|---|---|
| **Income** | |
| Membership dues | - |
| Contributions from Government | 4 328 000 |
| Contributions from intergovernmental organizations | - |
| Contributions from other non-governmental organizations | - |
| Revenue from contracts, etc. | - |
| Other income | 3 737 000 |
| **Total** | **8 065 000** |
| **Expenditure** | |
| Administration | 601 021 |
| Projects | 2 180 265 |
| Other activities | 1 181 224 |
| **Total** | **3 962 510** |

## Aims and activities and intended participation in the work of the Council

*The mission of the International Crisis Group (ICG) is to help Governments,* international organizations and the world community at large prevent deadly conflict through high-quality advice and high-level advocacy. The approach of ICG has three basic elements: field research and analysis, policy prescription and advocacy.

ICG analysts are stationed in 18 locations including the Balkans, Africa and Asia. Their first task is to find out what is happening and why. That knowledge is then converted into succinct, timely and readable reports, briefing papers and commentary, of which ICG produced a total of 49 in 2000.

ICG reports carry policy recommendations that are directly relevant to the work of the United Nations, both in the field and at Headquarters, and designed for practical implementation by the international community, including in particular the United Nations. The reports therefore help foster a "culture of prevention". Many ICG reports address the structural causes of international conflicts, such as social inequality, structural poverty, and consistent patterns of gross human rights violations.

ICG reports and briefing papers are distributed directly to senior policy makers and opinion leaders, analysts and media contacts; and our web site had over half a million full visits during the last year. ICG staff and Board members conduct face-to-face briefings with ministers, officials, legislators, the United Nations, the European Union, the World Bank and North Atlantic Treaty Organization personnel. ICG has wide media exposure in major international publications, and appearances on television and radio worldwide.

If granted consultative status, ICG plans to participate in and contribute to activities of the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary bodies, in particular on matters involving the social and economic roots of violent conflict and conflict prevention. ICG representatives will attend public meetings of the Council and its

subsidiary bodies and prepare and submit written statements relevant to the work of the Council or the commissions. ICG also plans to distribute analytical reports and briefing papers with policy recommendations that are directly relevant to the work of the United Nations in general and the Council in particular.

Given ICG expertise in the multidimensional field of conflict prevention, it could offer valuable input to the United Nations Development Programme, the Commission on Sustainable Development and the Commission on Population and Development, various regional commissions, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the World Food Programme and the Commission on Narcotic Drugs.

Finally, ICG will continue to brief United Nations officials and member States on areas of concern, in particular issues relating to international conflict and conflict prevention.

## 54. Ambedkar Centre for Justice and Peace

**Address**: 218 Woodcrest Drive
Tunkhannock, PA 18657
United States of America

**Category requested**: Roster

**Date established**: 21 August 1991

**Membership**: The organization is an international organization, with 1,255 individual members and 318 organization members in 11 countries.

**Summary of financial statement for the year 2000** (United States dollars)

| | |
|---|---|
| Income | 12 200 |
| Membership dues | - |
| Contributions from Governments | - |
| Contributions from intergovernmental organizations | - |
| Contributions from other non-governmental organizations | - |
| Revenue from contracts, etc. | - |
| Other income: All income is personal contributions of the Board Members | - |
| **Total** | **12 200** |
| Expenditure | |
| Administration | 6 000 |
| Projects | 6 200 |
| Other activities | - |
| **Total** | **12 200** |

### Aims and activities

1. To focus on the marginalized people of South Asian countries, to empower them to become the contributing members of the human family, and help them to lead the life with dignity, through education, vocation, advocacy for their rights etc., by democratic means, thus making them the valuable members of the human family.

2. Organize and/or participate in seminars, conferences to do the advocacy work through all the platforms of civil society, nationally, internationally, and through United Nations bodies such as the Economic and Social Council, seminars, world conferences etc. as well as grass-roots networking to educate them.

In South Asia there exist some of the greatest and the largest democracies in the world with the oldest civilization, finest constitutional guarantee to its people — equality, liberty, social justice, and fraternity, with infrastructure in place to take off as a leading power. All this is on one side.

And on the other side, exist age-old beliefs and traditions, some in contradiction to their constitutional guarantees and United Nations Fundamental Human Rights Instruments including Treaty Bodies Conventions to which these countries are signatories.

This is a main barrier in their development for full potential. These beliefs and traditions based on caste system, untouchability, and other traditions have been responsible for creating 100 million plus children in Child Slavery (Human Rights Watch Report 1996), and 300 million dehumanized people living like destitute, whose income is below one dollar a day (UNDP Report 1996), with no dignity. These marginalized children and people are our focus to liberate them, and empower them democratically, through education, vocation, to lead the normal life and contribute to the nations wealth.

To bring this social change of liberation of millions of children and men, women, we need to draw the attention of many United Nations bodies under the Economic and Social Council to help these countries to reorganize their priorities and extend their help in all aspects and expertise to resolve them.

## 55. International Islamic Committee for Woman and Child

**Address:**

Mailing address:
Executive Office
P.O. Box 684 Orman
12612, Giza, Egypt
Tel. & Fax: (002-02) 761-6260
E-mail: iicwc@gega.net

**Category requested**: General

**Date established**: 26 August 1995

**Membership**: The organization is an international organization with 145 individual members and 17 organization members in 26 countries.

**Summary of financial statement for year 1999**

Income

| | |
|---|---|
| Membership dues | 4 475 |
| Contributions from Government | - |
| Contributions from inter-governmental organizations | - |
| Contributions from other non-governmental organizations | 45 000 |
| Revenue from contracts (publications) | 36 720 |
| Other income (grants and donations) | 38 805 |
| **Total** | **125 000** |

Expenditure

| | |
|---|---|
| Administration | 26 500 |
| Projects (establishing the executive office in Cairo) | 43 700 |
| Publications | 32 900 |
| Conference participation | 7 900 |
| **Total** | **111 000** |

## Aims and activities

The IICWC aims to enhance and coordinate the efforts of Islamic organizations worldwide to secure the rights of Muslim women and children and to ensure the observance and implementation of their rights as recognized by Islamic Shari`ah as well as by international conventions to the extent compatible with the Islamic Shari`ah. It further aims to protect victims of infringement against the rights of women and children and to attract attention to the predicament of such victims.

The IICWC sponsors and supports study and research on the status of women and on national and international laws concerning women and children. It has held several conferences and seminars on such issues.

The IICWC monitors and participates in national, regional and international conferences with the aim to ensure that the special needs of Muslim women and children are addressed and their rights are not violated.

## 56. Focus on the Family (Canada) Association

**Address**: #200, 20486 64th Avenue
Langley, British Columbia
Canada V2Y 2V5
Tel: (604) 539-7900
Fax: (604) 539-7998
E-mail: un@fotf.ca

**Category requested**: General

**Date established**: 31 December 1982

**Membership**: A national organization, with 180,000 individual members (within the Canadian context, charitable organizations do not necessarily have paying members. Supporters and participants in this charity are considered constituents. For the purposes of this section of the application, "membership" will be considered a reference to constituents).

Please note: Focus on the Family (Canada) is independent of Focus on the Family organizations that may exist in other countries — e.g., the United States, Australia, Japan and South Africa. It has its own Canadian-appointed Board of Directors and assigns its priorities and activities according to the needs and aspirations of Canadian families.

**Summary of financial statement for the year 2000** (Canadian dollars)

Income

| | |
|---|---|
| Membership dues (magazine subscription fees) | 790 282 |
| Government | - |
| Intergovernmental organizations | - |
| Other non-governmental organizations | - |
| Contracts | - |
| Other sources (foundations, corporations and individual donations) | 7 379 900 |
| **Total** | **8 169 672** |

Expenditure

| | |
|---|---|
| Administration | 691 718 |
| Programme services | 6 689 606 |
| **Total** | **7 818 175** |

### Aims and activities of the organization and intended participation in the work of the Council

Focus on the Family (Canada) is an educational organization that supports the right of both families and individuals to choose their own destiny in society. It is dedicated to upholding the rights of families and the dignity of the human person. This includes being a national voice for family on social and economic issues, as well as providing numerous educational resources on these issues for all Canadian families.

Focus on the Family (Canada) believes that family is an essential institution in society. The organization serves as a national advocate for economic and social policies that benefit families and enable them to thrive, to be successful and to make independent decisions about matters that concern them. Representatives of the organization provide ongoing advice to policy makers at both the provincial and federal level on issues relating to families. The organization responds to urgent situations that families face within society and provide guidance through daily radio broadcasts, monthly publications and direct response mechanisms.

Focus on the Family (Canada) intends to participate actively in the work of the Economic and Social Council by continuing to attend United Nations-sponsored meetings that pertain to human rights. With over 180,000 members, the organization also has the potential to be a direct liaison between United Nations activities and Canadian families. Because of the close relationship to its members, Focus on the Family (Canada) can also assist Canadian citizens to become more involved in the work of the United Nations.

The organization will also seek to engage in providing ongoing consultation to the Economic and Social Council to help form policies that will strengthen and empower families to better provide a safe, nurturing place for children to grow. The organization intends to participate in the work of the United Nations by informing, advising and consulting on family issues as requested by the Council and other United Nations agencies. Focus on the Family (Canada) is currently a nationally recognized authority on the family in Canada and would be pleased to work with the United Nations with regard to family-related matters.

## 57. International Association of Homes and Services for the Ageing

**Address**: 2519 Connecticut Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C.
United States of America

**Category requested**: General

**Date established**: 8 March 1995

**Membership**: International organization, with 75 individual members and 185 organization members in 28 countries.

**Summary of financial statement for years 2000-2002** (United States dollars)

Income

| | |
|---|---|
| Membership dues | 179 000 |
| Contributions from Governments | - |
| Contributions from intergovernmental organizations | - |
| Contributions from other non-governmental organizations | - |
| Revenue from contracts, etc. | - |
| Other income: | |
| Conference registration and exhibits | 390 000 |
| Miscellaneous | 5 000 |
| **Total** | **574 000** |

| Expenditure | |
|---|---|
| Administration | 331 000 |
| Projects | |
| Conference | 219 000 |
| Publications | 22 000 |
| Other activities | - |
| **Total** | **572 000** |

### Aims and activities of the organization and intended participation in the work of the Council

The International Association of Homes and Services for the Ageing (IAHSA) was formed in 1995 in recognition of the absence of and need to establish a network to connect service providers of ageing services from around the world from both developed and developing countries. The mission of IAHSA is to promote quality services and products to assist the ageing and frail elderly and the disabled. It has built up worldwide attendance at its biennial conference and expanded its membership. IAHSA publications reflect global trends and the exchange of knowledge has been timely and effective.

In support of the Council's priorities, IAHSA will promote the work of the Council to its members through its Internet presence, educational materials, international conferences and white papers.

IAHSA will occasionally host international visitors at its Washington, D.C., headquarters to discuss global ageing issues and promulgation of best practices to enhance quality care for the elderly.

IAHSA will participate in discussion and education in issues related to the following areas of the Council: (a) Commission on Human Rights; (b) Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights; (c) Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations; (d) Commission on Human Settlements; (e) Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities; and (f) Commission on the Status of Women.

Focusing on aspects affecting its mission area of services for older persons, IAHSA will also engage in the planning and implementation of the second World Assembly on Ageing at Madrid in 2002. IAHSA will also provide an avenue through which the Revised Strategy and World Plan of Action for Ageing can be distributed and discussed.

## 58. New Seminary

**Address**: PO Box 20433
Columbus Circle Station
New York, NY 10023

**Category requested**: Special

**Date established**: 1991

**Membership**: International organization, with 100 individual members in two countries.

**Summary of financial statement for the year 1999/00** (United States dollars)

**Income**

| | |
|---|---|
| Membership dues | 350 583 |
| Contribution from Governments | - |
| Contributions from intergovernmental organizations | - |
| Contributions from other non-governmental organizations | - |
| Revenue from contracts, etc. | - |
| Other income | 29 530 |
| Loss of sale of securities | (2 833) |
| **Total** | **377 280** |

**Expenditure**

| | |
|---|---|
| Administration | 219 152 |
| Projects | - |
| Other activities | - |
| **Total** | **219 152** |

## Aims and activities of the organization and intended participation in the work of the Council

The purpose of the New Seminary is to train and prepare interfaith ministers for service. In so doing we promote social development of communities and individuals by fostering respect, understanding and dialogue between people of diverse religious, cultural and spiritual backgrounds.

As an organization, we are made up of people from a variety of religious, ethnic, educational and occupational backgrounds. Rather than viewing difference as a threat, mission for conversion, or cause for war, we celebrate the richness of what our diversity can bring to our collective growth, understanding and wisdom.

As interfaith ministers, we commit to serving the spiritual needs of all who seek our guidance and support, without regard to race, religion, socio-economic status, sexual orientation, ethnic background, gender or age. We are especially committed to serving those who feel their spiritual needs are not met or addressed by the existing traditional religious organizations, structures, or affiliations. We believe in the dignity and worth of every individual and seek to bring understanding and hope to those who feel unheard or uncared for.

In addition to learning about the religions of the world and developing the professional skills we need to minister to others, as interfaith ministers we are committed to the ongoing deepening of our spiritual lives. We seek to bring the interfaith perspective and values to our communities through educational programmes and through direct service in the areas of chaplaincy, hospice work, social action and concerns (such as work with the homeless, the elderly, people with HIV/AIDS, drug-addicted populations, children at risk etc.), and the arts. Through our correspondence training, we have been able to bring this service and perspective to communities throughout the United States and beyond.

Given the widespread strife and violence in the world arising from religious and cultural intolerance, we believe our local efforts to promote understanding and respect have widespread, even global implications. We see our goals and aims as being in deep and natural alignment with the aims and goals of the United Nations and the Economic and Social Council, in the area of education and social development. By bringing our expertise in educating individuals on the above activities to the Council, we can be your contribution on effective means of using education to promote social development and multifaith, multicultural dialogue and understanding.

The New Seminary provides a firm foundation in the principles of all major spiritual traditions with a commitment to the dignity of the cultures from which they derive. In turn, our graduates educate and edify individuals and communities about other traditions and cultures, promoting awareness of the inherent commonality of humanity.

## 59. Pathfinder International

**Address**: Nine Galen Street
Suite 217
Watertown, Massachusetts 02472
Phone: (617) 924-7200
Web site: www.pathfind.org

**Category requested**: General

**Date established**: 13 February 1957

**Membership**: The organization is a non-membership organization.

**Summary of financial statement for the year 2000** (United States dollars)

Income

| | |
|---|---|
| Membership dues | - |
| Contributions from Governments (United States Agency for International Development and foreign Government) | 48 972 464 |
| Contributions from intergovernmental organizations | 1 264 108 |
| Contributions from other non-governmental organizations | - |
| Revenue from contracts, etc. (private foundations, etc.) | 3 346 604 |
| Other income | - |
| **Total** | **53 583 176** |

Expenditure

| | |
|---|---|
| Administration | 7 493 162 |
| Projects | 44 815 463 |
| Other activities | 836 092 |
| **Total** | **53 144 717** |

**Aims and activities of the organization and intended participation in the work of the Council**

Pathfinder International is committed to increasing the number of people who have access to and voluntarily use reproductive health and family planning services in developing countries. Working with local organizations on three continents, Pathfinder International builds their capacity to advocate for and provide quality services. More than 62 million women and men have received high-quality services as a result of these efforts.

Pathfinder provides funding and technical assistance to locally administered projects in three regions of the world. In Africa, the organization has country offices in Egypt, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Mozambique, Nigeria and the United Republic of Tanzania. In Asia and the Near East, Pathfinder International supports offices in Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Pakistan and Viet Nam. Offices in Latin America are located in Bolivia, Brazil, Haiti, Mexico and Peru. Pathfinder has also worked in Benin, Burkina Faso, Colombia, Côte d'Ivoire, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Jamaica, Paraguay, the Philippines, Senegal, South Africa, Turkey, Zambia and Zimbabwe. Pathfinder International provides technical assistance in the areas of clinical services and training, monitoring and evaluation (including management information systems), quality assurance, materials development and financial and personnel management.

Pathfinder International has been an active participant in the decennial population conferences. Most recently, we have been involved in the activities of the Preparatory Committee for the special session of the General Assembly on the five-year review of the International Conference on Population and Development activities, and the special session. We fully expect to continue with this type of activity, in addition to implementing projects funded by the United Nations Population Fund as well as a number of ad hoc collaborations.

## 60. RICS Foundation

**Address**: 12 Great George Street
London, SW1P 3AD
United Kingdom

**Category requested**: General

**Date established**: RICS in 1770, RICS Foundation in 1999

**Membership**: International organization. Our activities are worldwide and open to all. As a charitable foundation, our memorandum and articles of association require that we must "benefit all" and we audit our work each year to ensure that this is the case. We have an international advisory Board, to ensure that we respond to, and are aware of, global issues. In common with many such foundations across the world now, our members are our trustees. Our area of benefit is not defined by members but by our rules which, as such, show both wide geographic and wide social benefits.

**Summary of financial statement for the year 2000/01 (pounds sterling)**

| | |
|---|---|
| **Income** | |
| Grant aid | 605 000 |
| Donation | 206 219 |
| Revenue from contracts, etc. | 64 895 |
| Other income | 97 |
| **Total** | **876 211** |
| **Expenditure** | |
| Administration | 42 512 |
| Projects | 434 081 |
| Other activities (grant aid given) | 233 108 |
| **Total** | **709 701** |

## Aims and activities of the organization and intended participation in the work of the Council

The RICS Foundation is a unique global charity. We are committed to free and open access to information and knowledge about all aspects of sustainability, with some specific focus on land, property, construction and development. Our key unique point is that we act as a wholly independent and impartial link between the private sector and the academic and public sectors. We provide a networking facility and process that ensures that the non-governmental organizations sector, for example, interlinks with the private sector: as you will know, this is rare indeed. We also provide Governments with access to the private sector as well as high-level advice and expertise.

Our prime method for delivering expertise and knowledge is via high-level, high-quality research and its dissemination. We work with many organizations around the world to ensure that there is minimal duplication, maximum benefit and optimal use of resources.

Our web site has been highly praised and is fully accessible for those with poor or no sight.

Although currently based in the United Kingdom, opposite Big Ben, we are opening offices around the globe, with the aim of having representation in each of the five main continents within two years. Our first offices open in the United Arab Emirates, in Malaysia and Kenya soon, with co-location in New York and Sydney already agreed.

The Economic and Social Council has a difficult task: its prime aim (to serve as the central forum for the discussion of international economic and social issues of a global or interdisciplinary nature) means that it has to try to ensure that it is able to respond to those international economic and social issues of a global nature. It is in this capacity that the RICS Foundation will be able to assist and work with the Council. To this, we would add the networking role mentioned above and the provision of high-level research, and a picture emerges of how the work of the RICS Foundation would fit within that of the Council. The word sustainability is on everyone's lips; with the World Summit for Sustainable Development due in August

2002, the usage will increase. But the understanding and implementation remains poor. The RICS Foundation can assist the work of the Council in maintaining a focus on the alleviation of poverty within the context of sustainability, but with a clear focus on delivering solutions to those who need them.

Finally, the RICS Foundation is trying to practice what it preaches: we have become fully and independently audited carbon neutral.

## 61. Spanish Association of Jurist Women

**Address**: CL. José Fentanes No. 89,
Portal A; piso 2° izquierda
28035 — Madrid
Spain

**Category requested**: Special

**Date established**: 30 July 1971

**Membership**: National organization, with 800 individual members.

**Summary of financial statement for the year 2000** (in pesetas)

Income

| | |
|---|---|
| Membership dues | 125 000 |
| Contributions from Governments | 120 000 |
| Contributions from intergovernmental organizations | - |
| Contributions from other non-governmental organizations | - |
| Revenue from contracts, etc. | - |
| Other income (Madrid Bar Association contribution) | 200 000 |
| **Total** | **445 000** |

Expenditure

| | |
|---|---|
| Administration | 158 465 |
| Projects (publicity and dissemination) | 74 295 |
| Other activities[a] | 360 783 |
| **Total** | **593 543**[b] |

### Aims and activities of the organization and intended participation in the work of the Council

The Association has the following aims:

(a) To study national and comparative law, in particular with regard to women and the family;

[a] The activities that the organization carries out, annually, consist of providing general legal advice, by the members of the Association, free of charge, to women in unfavourable situations.

[b] The overexpenditure was covered by previous years surplus.

(b) To promote the adaptation of legal norms to the current times, according to the principles of equity and justice, and to make relevant proposals to the authorities;

(c) The promotion of women in their respective careers, in particular women lawyers;

(d) To provide legal advice and defence services free of charge to women in unfavourable situations.

The Association intends to attend the sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women, as well as to elaborate and present legal studies and proposals about women, children and family issues with the aim of eradicating social, economic and work discrimination, to facilitate gender equality and to avoid violence against women.